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EDITORIAL NOTES

Christian parents who are sending their children to college should recognize the dangers with which they are surrounded. If you

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would like to see the an Education possibilities in the life of your child, give consideration to this report of a poll conducted by

Swarthmore College. We saw an account of it in a newspaper, but a recent Swarthmore graduate gathered the exact information.

Swarthmore (Pa.) College was founded by the Quakers and is supposed to have had a religious background. A poll was conducted among the students in the fall of 1938 to determine what proportion had changed their religious views since entering college.

Out of approximately 640 students, some 350 voted. Of these, 131 professed to be agnostics, and 21 were avowed atheists. Fifty per cent of those replying said that they had changed their religious views during college years, and 75 per cent of those whose views were altered, said that philosophy courses were

The Phoenix (weekly college paper) said that for the most part those who professed a religion believed in it as a philosophy of life. This, of course, means antagonism to revelation and doctrine.

What a sad but revealing presentation this is! When you ask what is wrong with America, have this picture in mind as part of the answer. And what is ahead for a generation robbed of its faith? Once more our slogan has meaning, "Let's Go Back to the Bible."

The dangers which youth must face in most colleges and the universities is the cause of many parents sending their young people to the Moody Bible Institute for a year of Bible foundation before going to college. It also explains the steady growth of such safe colleges as Wheaton, Houghton, and Bob Jones.

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"All the older colleges were originally established in the interest of Christianity and the Church, the Church being conceived as providing for every

interest and relation of human society. Within a few years, however, another College? theory has found many advocates and been embodied in a few colleges and universities. This secular theory is briefly this: Education of every grade, and pre-eminently of the highest, to be consummated, must be free from all alliances with religion. It must forswear

any allegiance to the Christian creed, Revival

and dispense with positive Christian in- to the reading of the Bible, and several fluence. While it may accept the fruits of Christian civilization, so far as science and letters, art and culture, law and morality have taken these into the general life, it will best do its appropriate work, and even best serve Christianity itself, if it leaves all positive Christian teaching and training to the household and the Church.

"I propose to defend the old theory on which this college stands as contrasting with the new theory. I must assume that Christianity is, as a history, supernatural in its import, of supreme importance to every individual man and the human race, and that Christ's life and death and advancing kingdom is to become more a manifested necessity and a conspicuous power till what seem the brilliant romances of prophecy shall become the sober facts of history. On the other hand, the man who half believes, or even surmises, that positive Christianity cannot stand before modern science and modern criticism, must conclude that it ought to have very little prominence in that education which will very soon permit it to have no place in scientific belief. All who hold these views are thoroughly consistent in excluding Christianity from every college, and providing for its decorous retreat with appropriate honors.

'Christian faith is the perfection of human reason, and therefore essential to the highest forms of human culture. No institution of higher education can attain the highest ideal excellence in which the Christian faith is not exalted as supreme, its truth not asserted and defended and enforced with a fervent and devoted zeal, in which Christ is not honored as the inspirer of man's best affections, the model of man's highest excellence, and the master of all human

The above is from a baccalaureate delivered by President Noah Porter, Yale College (now Yale University) many years ago. The exact year of its delivery is not known, but he was president of Yale from 1871 to 1886.

It makes interesting reading when we see how agnosticism and infidelity have seized so many of the older colleges as well as the newer ones.

Is a revival coming? Thousands are praying for it and expecting it. It is most interesting to observe the growing sense of need all over this land. Several chain radio programs of a commercial nature and

have said, "Go to church."

A certain radio comedian is said to have closed a coast-to-coast program by

"We've had a lot of fun here tonight, ladies and gentlemen, and now, if you'll permit me, I'd like to say something a bit more serious. Here in Los Angeles a few days ago, we had a rather disturbing windstorm. I was walking along Sunset Boulevard at the time, and like the other pedestrians, I ran for cover as the gale swept down. There were a number of stores nearby, but something guided me toward a building across the street. I stood there in the archway several minutes, I guess, before I realized where I was. I had taken refuge in the doorway of That taken refuge in the doorway of a church—and it set me to thinking. This world today is going through something far more threatening than a windstorm. Every single one of us needs refuge of one kind or another. And I know of no better place to go And I know of ho better place to go for it than a church. You know, the Church must be a very strong and righteous thing, for it has survived every enemy it has ever had! And the Book which embodies the principles of the Church—the Bible—is still at the top of the best seller list. We are extremely fortunate to live in a country where we can worship as we please and when we please. Let's make the most of this blessing. Go to church You whatever your race or creed. . . . You will meet old friends and make new ones. The greatest calamity that can befall a people is the loss of religion. Don't let it happen here. Go to church."

A significant signboard was seen in Indianapolis. The sign is in front of a monument in the very heart of the city, and in large letters it reads,

"American Democracy is Founded on Belief in God. Now is the time to return to His worship." The sign was placed there by the American Legion.

Voices in government and press are being raised to urge the people back to religion. Granted many of these voices are talking about mere religion, and perhaps few of the persons who thus speak believe in the authority of the Word of God. Some of the thinking of those who are newly crying for "religion" is similar to that pictured by the old Puritan divine, Thomas Adam, who said, "Many love to live within the circumference and reach of the gospel, because it hath brought peace, and that peace wealth, and that wealth promotion. But if this health of quiet might be upheld otherwise, they would be ready to cry, 'Great is Diana of the Ephesians." Yet we can have recently urged a return take some encouragement out of the fact

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Who can doubt that if there is to be a revival it will come through the reading and proclamation of God's Word? We believe the heart of it all is in our slogan, "Let's Go Back to the Bible," and we further believe that the radio is the best means of carrying this reminder directly to the largest number of people.

We are so anxious to get this chain program back on the air. Will you not take this on your heart for daily intercession and pray it into the hearts of others? This is a critical hour in the life of our nation, and surely the exhortation of the hour is, "Let's Go Back to the Bible."

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One of the prerequisites for revival is a sense of need. Few sinners are brought to salvation until they see the need of salvation. What was it

the poet said? The Necessity of "All the fitness He requires Is to see your need of Discontent Him."

Undoubtedly, the man who knows he is a sinner is, in that very knowledge, half way to salvation.

But revival is linked to the same necessity. A smug, self-satisfied Church never saw a revival. It is when an age realizes it has come to the end of its plans and that all of them have failed to bring moral and spiritual victory, that the cry ascends, "How long, O Lord, how long?"

It is always interesting to hear the testimonies in rescue missions. How frequently the one testifying says, "I was on my way to the river to commit suicide when the Lord saved me." question if in every case suicide was ahead, but the fact in every case is the end of the road had been reached. As long as men can patch up their failures and explain their sins they stagger on. but those who come to know Christ as their life reach the end of themselves.

So it is with the Church. As long as she is busy with little plans and new schemes. God allows her to go her impotent way, but when the Church recognizes and acknowledges failure-abject failure-then God intervenes and the re-

The prophet Jeremiah pictures this condition when he says,

"A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land. The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?" (Jer. 5:30, 31).

You see he is saying that God will do nothing as long as the people are satisfied in their failures. "And my people love to have it so." How tragic! Yet is that not the condition of things in our day? Modernism in the pulpit and the people spinelessly listen. Worldliness among Church leaders and the people "love to have it so." Moral standards in the dust, gambling and carousing popular, and of all too many church members it can be said, they "love to have it so."

Oh, for a holy discontent! Oh, for those who are ready to acknowledge failure!

that there seems to be a growing sense Revival comes not through condoning sin, Paul Rood, and Will H. Houghton. but through confessing it.

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A large, midwestern city carried a story like this under a March date: "Two bandits were shot as they held

up the C- Liquor Store. It happened that two policemen in civilian clothes were in the store at the time and opened fire on the bandits. An hour earlier, the same bandits held up a shoe store."

P.S.-There were no policemen in the shoe store!

A columnist wrote concerning gambling:

"There wasn't a single city I visited where I could not have gambled, if I had wanted to. And when I did enter these places I found no lack of patronage. I have concluded therefore that the good citizens of America like to gamble, and since that is so . . . the government ought to cut in for its share."

P.S .- And since every city has murders, let's tax them. Shooting a grocer, \$10.00. Politicians, two for a quarter!

The same column continued:

"There is no difference between ordinary gambling and putting 15 cents on a card in church bingo."

P.S.-Amen!

The Speaker of the House in a certain state was reported in a newspaper in that state to have said:

"Legislators who appear on the floor of the House under the influence of liquor will be called by name and ordered from the floor under rules provided for their ouster."

P.S.-God save our native land!

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With the multitudes thinking in the direction of attendance upon the Fairs, it seems wise to call attention to some

of the Christian activities World's near at hand. Through this knowledge those who are Fair visiting the Fairs can have Activities the benefit of some of these

meetings and all Christians can bear

them up in prayer.

In an earlier issue the story of Mr. Moon's work at the San Francisco Fair was told. Reports say that large crowds have been in attendance and the blessing has been extensive and abiding. Rev. Irwin Moon and Mr. Tom Olson should be regularly remembered in this daily contact with thousands in the San Francisco Fair grounds.

The New York Fair is not permitting anything of a gospel nature inside the grounds, but several special undertakings are on for the New York area. The Fundamentalist Fellowship of Greater New York has arranged with Calvary Baptist Church, 123 West Fifty-seventh Street, New York City, to carry on a four months' campaign in its auditorium. The following speakers are scheduled to be heard from May 15 to September 29: Charles E. Fuller, C. S. Roddy, A. C. Gaebelein, "Bob" Jones, Wilbur M. Smith, P. W. Philpott, Harry Rimmer, Robert G. Lee, W. B. Riley, Herbert Lockyer, C. H. Brown, Howard W. Ferrin, John Bunyan Smith, Arthur I. Brown,

In addition to this the Association of Christian Youth Movements will conduct a Youth Rally each Tuesday night in the Gospel Tabernacle, Eighth Avenue and Forty-fourth Street, Manhattan, with special speakers, including Frederick Wood, of London, J. Edwin Orr, Toronto, and Rev. Lloyd T. Bryant, the director.

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Twenty-three years ago next November, a great prophetic conference was held in New York City. The World War

Call to an International Conference on Prophecy

was just getting started at that time and intense interest in prophetic study was indicated by the gathering of large audiences

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Once again the threat of world conflagration is before us, and it would seem that the hour has struck for the gathering of God's people for the special consideration of the prophetic Word. Has God something to say to the nations today? We believe He has.

The Moody Bible Institute is making itself responsible for the calling of an International Conference on Prophecy to be convened in New York City, November 5-12, 1939.

Two central places of meeting have been secured. Mecca Temple (Fiftyfifth Street), seating more than 3,000, will be used for the night session and the two Sunday afternoons, and the auditorium of Calvary Baptist Church, 123 West Fifty-seventh Street, will be The used for the weekday sessions. conference headquarters will be Hotel Salisbury, 123 West Fifty-seventh Street,

It is too early to announce the speakers, but some of the subjects to be considered are:

The Present and Future of the Jew. What the Rise of Dictators Indicates to Students of Prophecy.

Philosophy and the Prophetic Word. Science and Prophecy.

Will There Be a Millennium? Coming Events an Incentive to Soulwinning.

It is hoped that churches of various denominations in and around New York will make private homes available for ministers of small churches to be entertained at little cost to themselves. Attendance at this conference should be made possible to the largest number of pastors and other Christian workers.

There will be eight full and glorious days. Monday to Saturday the sessions will run morning, afternoon, and eve-

Full information concerning the Executive and Sponsoring Committee will be announced later. Dr. Hugh R. Monro is chairman, and Dr. Joseph W. Hakes,

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Antichristian Education

By GORDON HADDON CLARK, Ph.D., Wheaton, Ill.

OWARD the end of his ministry, the great evangelist, Moody, it is said, noticed that his audiences were gradually changing their attitude toward the gospel. In the early days the main truths of the Bible were generally taken for granted; later there was a growing skepticism of basic Christian ideas. That incipient skepticism has now become a widespread antagonism.

Because the general character of a civilization exerts a powerful, though sometimes unperceived, pressure on each individual, because also the more intellectual groups are the source of the common ideas which dominate and give a civilization its general tone, the Christian who wishes to promulgate the gospel ought to pay particular attention to intellectual attacks on Christianity. Only by so doing can he discern the basic import of particular objections and be ready with a pertinent reason for the faith that is in him.

The first of three illustrations may be called intellectual only in a very popular sense of the word. While Lewis Browne's This Believing World features acknowledgments to a distinguished battery of well-known names, it must be adjudged a pseudo-intellectual work. It is not so much a leader of opinion as it is a result and an indication of what public opinion is. Only in a country where there is little knowledge of Christianity would a publishing house expect to sell such a crude product. To substantiate this, which at first may seem an extreme condemnation, quotations are selected from pages 259-292.

"The Gospels recount many legends concerning His conception, birth, and youth, but they are no more to be relied on than the suspiciously similar legends told many centuries earlier about Zoroaster.

Aside from the contention that there are suspiciously similar accounts of virgin births in pagan literature, a contention not so well received since J. Gresham Machen's Virgin Birth, may not a Christian ask what is the source of information concerning Jesus if the Gospels do not furnish a historical account.

"He indulged in no philosophy or theology, for, after all, He was an un-tutored toiler who knew nothing of such vanities." (cf. Matt. 11:25 ff.) "All the legends, all the stupid and

silly and gross extravagances, all the pious embellishments and patent falsehoods that clog and confuse the Gospel accounts"
"At the last moment Jesus seems to

have realized how reckless He had been in daring to come to Jerusalem Belatedly, He tried to escape with them (the disciples), but He was pursued,

betrayed, and taken prisoner . . . "
"And because believing in a corpse
was too difficult, they began to believe
that Jesus was still alive They

even declared they had actually seen ter. He writes on page 26: Him in the act of rising from the "The world for which sepulcher . . .

Saul had never seen Jesus in the flesh or come under the spell of His loving gospel Actually he was but little interested in the gospel of the man Jesus."

The Gospels, as we now have them, could not have been written by the disciples whose names they bear, for they are written in Greek, and the native language of most of those disciples was Aramaic."

It is evident from these quotations that even Lewis Browne does not dare to attempt an argument in favor of his assertions. They are so stupidly perverse that the value of the book lies only in the fact that a sufficient number of Americans know so little about Christianity as to make the book profitable to the publisher. The book and the author are not leaders of opinion. They are devastating commentaries on the intellectual decline of our day.

The question now arises, How can these things be? What is the source of the ignorance and the cause of the decline? To answer this, one must turn to the scholarly productions of the last seventyfive or one hundred years. In them we find, not crass and crude, but plausible misrepresentations of Christianity. The whole history of destructive biblical criticism cannot be written here; but two examples will be given to show how scholars in non-biblical subjects belittle Christianity either by assuming it to be false or by misrepresenting it, and thus causing its rejection.

Much if not all of the prevailing antichristian ideology has originated in the colleges and from them has seeped down to the ordinary levels of society. How much some of the professors are themselves unconsciously influenced by the general trend is difficult to determine, but the method by which it operates can be studied in two random examples, one from the field of Greek philosophy, the other from political

The first instance is that of Prof. B. A. G. Fuller, University of Southern California, in his book, History of Greek Philosophy. Dr. Fuller is no cheap publicity seeker; he is a scholar of ability, and the ridicule appropriate to Lewis Browne would be completely out of place in his case. Yet even the greatest scholars are not infallible. Their mistakes often determine a student's attitude and finally affect the whole community, so that in such mistakes one rightly discovers a source of much antagonism to Christianity. To combat this result, one must by sober reasoning and careful statement, point out the source of the

"The world for which the blood of redemption was spilled is the moral world . . . No drop of that blood overflows into the outer and physical world. In the benefits of salvation no being, animate or inanimate, save the being, animate of maintaite, save the human, shares. The physical world re-mains unchanged. But after all, from the Christian point of view, why should nature be affected by the process of redemption?"

Now obviously, the Scriptures are addressed to man, and consequently the plan of his salvation naturally lies written large on the surface. But Fuller's criticism is equivalent to asserting that Jesus Christ, whatever He may mean for man, is of no cosmic significance. Is this, then, what the Scriptures teach? On the contrary, they teach, in the first chapter of John's Gospel, that Christ is the Logos, the wisdom, or rationality, of the universe. In Colossians 1:16 we discover that all things were created by Him and for Him, including all the animate and inanimate forms. Were this all that the Scriptures said, it would be sufficient to raise serious doubts as to the accuracy of Fuller's interpretation of Christianity. For if Jesus is the Creator, would not so stupendous an event as His death have some effect on the whole creation? Now, as a matter of fact, we are not abandoned to bare conjecture, but the Scriptures add to the above information, and state positively that even the inanimate world shall be changed, and that the lower animals and even the plants shall share in the benefits of redemption. They benefit, to be sure, as plants or animals, not as human beings, but they are not, as Dr. Fuller says, excluded from God's all-embracing plan (Isa. 11:1-10; Rom. 8:19 ff.).

Furthermore, Dr. Fuller's question, "From the Christian point of view, why should nature be affected by the process of redemption?" is specifically answered in the Bible. In Genesis 3:14-19 the curse of sin is extended to the very ground. Is it not, therefore, perfectly appropriate that redemption from sin should affect everything to which the curse applies? Nor is it true that this idea is buried so obscurely as to have been forgotten by the contemporary Christian community. If one cares to attend an orthodox Christian church about Christmas time, one is sure to hear the carol, "Joy to the World." And in this carol, Christians sing:

"No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found."

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While this is but one page in one lone book, it is indicative of how the truth of Christianity is obscured. And if the truth be obscured, how can anyone accept it? How can one believe, if he has not heard?

IN POLITICS and diplomacy, the frequently greater efficiency of indirection over open and direct methods is perfectly well known. In education, too, indirection is relied upon to work where a direct attack would fail to interest the irreligious and would antagonize the Christian student. Hence, in books purporting to be technical astronomy or dispassionate political science one finds perversity of expression calculated to cast slurs on the Holy Scriptures. Often the antichristian author so chooses his words that it is difficult to quote a single sentence to convict him of inaccuracy, and it becomes necessary to examine carefully an extended passage to discover exactly what is happening.

Worthy of examination is an instance of this type of attack found in an Introduction to Political Science, by James Wilford Garner, professor of Political Science at the University of Illinois. This textbook, in the section under consideration, states some things very well; in fact, it is the mixture of excellence and carelessness which causes the difficulty. Were it largely inaccurate or absurd like Lewis Browne's This Believing World, it would have little effect. Professor Garner's book, on the contrary, is scholarly and one does not expect crude blunders.

In Chapter IV the subject is the origin of the state, and on page 87 these words are to be found:

"The oldest of these theories . . . is that which attributes the establishment of the state, mediately or immediately, to God or some superhuman power. The theory assumes that the will of God was made known by revelation mediately or immediately to certain persons, who were His earthly vicegerents, and by them communicated to the people by whom obedience was a religious as well as a civil duty . . . Biblical

support for it is found in such passage as Paul's admonition to the Romans: 'Let every soul be in subjection to the higher powers; for there is no power but of God: and the powers that be are ordained of God'" (Rom. 13:1).

First, one notes that this theory of the origin, or better the justification, of state authority is supported by the Bible. And general condemnation of the theory involves rejection of the Scriptures. To be sure Garner said, "Biblical support is found." Now a man might find support wrongly, so that a rejection of his theory would not involve a rejection of the Bible. But no such distinction is made by Garner. Had he criticized the theory of James 1, and showed that the divine right of kings is not the same as the biblical doctrine of the divine authority of the state, no one could object. But as a matter of fact, his discussion does not discriminate and his rejection apparently applies as much to the Bible as to James 1.

On page 90, in a paragraph headed, "Theocratic Doctrines No Longer Accepted," the reason for rejecting the divine authority of government is stated as follows:

"The state is no more the direct and immediate creation of a supernatural power than any of the multifarious associations into which mankind has entered. The authority which the state exercises, whatever its origin, must be exercised through human agencies and must be humanly interpreted; that is, in the last analysis, it is only what the state chooses to make it."

His reason for rejecting the Bible, however, does not even apply to the biblical view as Garner defined that view. As quoted above, Garner explicitly stated that the divine origin of government permits of a mediate working by God. Now he objects that since man is the means, God cannot be the source of authority. In other words, he argues that if God is the source of authority there can be no human means, no human rulers, no human government at all. The only condition on which God can be the source of human government is that there be no human government. It is this type of perverse argument, of technical incompetency, which betrays a man's subconscious predilections. Had the author been at all sympathetic toward the notion that God is the creator not have stumbled into this elementary logical blunder.

Following the last quotation Garner continues in this manner:

"We may accordingly dismiss the doctrine of divine right with the statement that it never was anything more than an invention of men, designed to bolster up the claims of certain rulers to hold their crowns independently of the will of the people."

Now if the doctrine of divine right were never anything more than this, then it follows that Paul in enunciating the doctrine, was interested in bolstering up the powers and claims of Caligula and Nero. More sober historians do not usually credit Paul with such political ambitions.

From these illustrations taken from Greek philosophy and political science, there should be recognized by the appropriately equipped young Christian, a call to serve Christ in scholarship. As professors in universities and as authors they will influence an audience which does not now hear the gospel. In astronomy or zoology they can remove misapprehensions which are real though sometimes hidden obstacles to more definite evangelistic work. To be sure, the gospel of redemption by the blood of Christ must be preached and the laborers are few. Yet not all are called to be evangelists; some are called to be scholars, and in this field the laborers are fewer.

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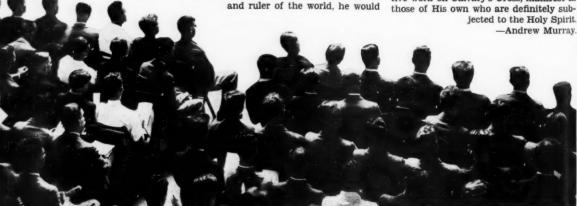
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When you read a chapter from the Bible do some sober-minded thinking. Ask yourself, "What is in this chapter, what grace, that is not in my life? What is in my life that this chapter says should not be there?"—Dr. William Evans.

HUMILITY

Humility is perfect quietness of heart. It is for me to have no trouble: never to be fretted or vexed or irritated or sore or disappointed. It is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised. It is to have a blessed home in the Lord, where I can go in and shut the door, and kneel to my Father in secret, and be at peace as in a deep sea of calmness when all around and above is trouble. It is the fruit of the Lord Jesus Christ's redemptive work on Calvary's Cross, manifest in those of His own who are definitely subjected to the Holy Spirit.



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The Bible Still the Greatest of the World's Great Books

By REV. WILBUR M. SMITH, D.D., Chicago, Ill.

An Address at the Founder's Week Conference

(Dr. Smith's Series, "The First One Hundred Books for the Bible Student's Library," will be resumed in the July Issue.—Editors)

UNIQUE experiment is going on at St. Johns College in Annapolis, in the laying of an entirely new foundation for what is proposed as a broad, thorough, sound, liberal education. The central idea of this new educational policy is that the students through the four years are to read and become thoroughly acquainted with the fundamental ideas and the process of reasoning revealed in the one hundred greatest books that have arisen from and most vitally influenced European (for the most part) civilization. In the catalogue for St. Johns College carrying the announcements for 1938-39, this very fascinating list of books is given, in chronological order, beginning with Homer's Iliad and Odyssey, and concluding with such works as Freud's Papers on Hysteria, Bertrand Russell's Principles of Mathematics, and the Projective Geometry, by Veblen and Young. Many of the books in this list a normally educated person has known for years; some of the others, and especially scientific works of the last fifty years, will be unknown to the great mass of even quite thoroughly educated people.

This particular list was drawn up, principally, by the president of St. Johns College, Dr. Stringfellow Barr, who studied at Oxford, at the University of Paris, and at the University of Ghent, and was the professor of Modern European History at the University of Virginia from 1927-37, and Dean Scott Buchanan, a Rhodes scholar at Oxford. 1919-21 (Ph.D., Harvard University, 1925), and the professor of Philosophy in the University of Virginia from 1929-36. The most powerful proponent of this entire scheme of education, and the one primarily responsible for its introduction at St. Johns College (and now at other schools in our country), is Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago. The catalogue says of this particular list that "these great books are the medium in which our liberal heritage has been rediscovered, in which it can be revived, in which it can be taught again in the liberal college. In that sense the great books are still classics."

What we are interested in particularly in this discussion is the standards by which these distinguished scholars have determined what they think are the great one hundred books among all the millions that have been published through the ages. We are grateful to these men for revealing to us in clear language what these standards are, and what I want to do in this message



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is to take the five principles which they set forth by which great literature is determined, and apply them to the Word of God, to discover if our Book continues to be, as once it was universally acknowledged to be, the supreme book of the ages. We shall take these points in the order in which the catalogue presents them.

"To begin with the apparently trivial," declare these scholars in their introductory remarks concerning this list of one hundred books, "a great book is one that has been read by the largest number of persons. To followers of the publishers' announcements of best sellers this criterion may seem unworthy. Over the entire period of European history, Plato, Euclid, the Bible, and Shakespeare are the best examples. Barring historical accidents, such as the burning of the library at Alexandria, the judgment stands."

Now, the extent to which a book has been read will generally depend upon two factors-the number of copies that have been printed or circulated, and the number of languages in which the book has appeared. The following figures reveal the circulation of the six best selling books published in the English language in the last sixty years. Tom Sawyer, appearing in 1875, has had a sale of 1,500,000 copies; Black Beauty, published two years later, 1,000,000 copies; Dr. Sheldon's famous book In His Steps, published just forty years ago, 8,000,000 copies (incidentally, note that this book has to do with the Lord Jesus Christ); Gene Stratton Porter's beautiful story, Freckles, appearing in 1904, has had a sale of 2,000,000 copies; Harold Bell Wright's The Winning of Barbara Worth 1,500,000 copies; H. G. Wells' interesting, though inaccurate, Outline of History, first appearing in 1926, 1,200,000 copies; Gone with the Wind, which was published in 1936, has thus far had a sale of 1,800,000 copies.

Let us contrast the circulation of the Bible with these books. The British and Foreign Bible Society, from 1808 to 1936, circulated 79,306,000 copies of complete Bible, and reported, September 18, 1938, that in the previous twelve months alone they had circulated 1,151,000 copies of the complete Bible! During the same first century and a quarter, this society circulated more than 476,000,000 copies of the New Testament or portions of the Word of God. The American Bible Society, from 1816 to 1936, circulated approximately 31,000,000 copies of complete Bibles and 276,000,000 copies of the New Testament and portions of the Word of God. In other words, two Bible societies alone, excluding the millions of copies of the Bible that have been sold by the Oxford and Cambridge Press and by the publishers of the Revised Version, these two societies alone, one in Great Britain and one in this country, have circulated since the beginning of the nineteenth century more than 110,000,000 copies of the complete Bible! If the circulation of a book, which is more or less an indication of the extent to which a book is read, is a factor in determining the greatness of a book, there is still no other book in all the world even to compare with the Word of God.

SHAKESPEARE has been translated complete into 12 languages, and in part into 23 languages. The Word of God has been translated complete, from Genesis to Revelation, into 73 different languages; and in part, either the complete New Testament, or portions of the New Testament, down to 1938, into 1,008 different languages! When one thinks, furthermore, of the millions of homes throughout the world in which the Word of God is read every day, when one thinks of the thousands of students preparing for the ministry, devoting their lives to a study of this Book, when one thinks of the hundreds of thousands of churches in which the Word of God is read aloud and expounded every Lord's Day to millions of people in every country, one can state without the slightest fear of being contradicted that if the greatness of a book is determined (in part) by the number of persons who have read and continue to read the volume, the Word of God stands today pre-eminently over all other volumes that have appeared on this earth.

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scholars is the following:

"A great book has the largest number of possible interpretations. This does not mean that the book must be confusingly ambiguous. It rather refers to the inexhaustibility of its significance, each interpretation possessing a clarity and force that will allow other interpretations to stand by its side without confusion. Dante's Divine Comedy and Newton's Principia are the telling examples under this standard."

Is THE Word of God a book demanding continuous study, and so inexhaustible as to be capable of giving forth new and glorious truths with every age, a book in which the greatest scholars can spend all of their lives, and realize that even then they have not exhausted the precious treasures of these holy pages? In answering this question, one cannot help but be reminded of those remarkable words in the First Epistle of Peter, in which he speaks of the prophets searching their own writings to discover some of the truths which the Holy Spirit put there that even they themselves had not yet thoroughly grasped.

"Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: searching what or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into" (I Pet. 1:10-12).

There came to visit the Moody Bible Institute recently, one of the greatest Bible students in America, a man who has given himself exclusively for the last forty years to the exposition of the Word of God. He has been devoting all of his time, hours every day, to a reconsideration of the last five verses of the ninth chapter of the book of Daniel. I said to him, "My own opinion is that the last word on this difficult passage has not yet been said," to which he at once vigorously replied, "Neither do I."

Think of a man studying the Word of God for forty years, and coming to the age of sixty-five, being led to give six entire weeks of hard study to just five verses of the Word of God, the fundamental meaning of which he must have known for nearly a half century! Our Book is inexhaustible!

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, one of the greatest students and expounders of the Word of God in the English world, recently said, "If you should live and preach for one-half a century or a century, you would not be able to exhaust the thing that is yours as a devosit."

A dear friend of mine some months ago received a letter from the distinguished archaeologist and New Testament scholar, Sir William Ramsay.* This man has written at least forty books

about New Testament subjects, and his writings are simply indisputable for an understanding of the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts. After giving himself for one-half century to these themes, Sir William remarked at the age of eighty-five, "I should like to devote the last years of my life to a fresh study of the New Testament, which I seem only to begin to understand." Sir William Ramsay had mastered Greek and Latin literature by the time he was twentyfive, yet he did not say that he wanted to spend the last years of his life in Plato, Virgil, or Cicero, because he "only begins to understand them," but with the inexhaustible Word of God. The thousands and thousands of commentaries and lives of Christ and works about the Bible which stand on the shelves of every well equipped theological library in every important language of our modern world, bear testimony to the truth that according to this second standard which these modern scholars set forth. the Word of God is the pre-eminent book of all ages.

To QUOTE once again from this interesting introduction, we read:

"The third criterion is more important and harder to determine: a great book should raise the persistent unanswerable questions about the great themes in European thought. Questions concerning number and measurement, matter and form, ultimate substance, tragedy, and God, open up mysteries for the human mind. These questions are met and evaded regularly by self-styled practical men; faced and explored, they induce, balance, and maintain the intellectual virtues, and on their constant cultivation hang the issues of orthodoxy, heresy, and freedom which are always with us."

Does the Bible discuss the great themes of life? Well, I think the only answer to that is, that the Bible is the one book which is devoted from beginning to end to this very thing—the discussion of the greatest themes that can ever occupy the minds of men. The very first page of our Bible sets forth the power and wisdom, the goodness and mercy, the holiness and the omniscience of God. It gives a masterly unfolding of the ever-present subject of the origin and creation of the universe, of the earth on which we live, and of mankind.

The Bible sets before us the great themes of moral and ethical life, designating the things that are wrong and the punishment that transgression must involve, and the things that are right and good, and the blessedness that follows obedience to the laws of God. The Word of God gives laws concerning man's own inner thought life, it sets before him the ideals which ought to prevail in his family life, in business life, in his relationships to men. The Word of God pre-eminently unfolds the awfulness of sin, the holiness of God, the way by which a transgressor may approach God, be forgiven of his sin, and know peace in his heart.

The Word of God from beginning to end sets forth the great fundamental idea of sacrifice, culminating in the final sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ.

What themes center in our glorious Lord-the profound doctrine of the incarnation, the inescapable reality of Christ's unique sinlessness, the indisputable miracles which He performed, the words of divine wisdom which passed His lips, the prophecies which He uttered, the death which He suffered on Calvary, the most stupendous single event which has taken place on earth which has transformed millions of lives and still today draws millions to Calvary, the glorious truth of His resurrection, His ascension. His session at the right hand of God. His coming again. His future reign on earth. What themes!

And then, finally, there is the hope of eternal life, a home in glory with God, the resurrection of our bodies, the final destruction of earthly governments, the setting up of the kingdom of Christ upon earth, the cleansing of the earth from sin, the ultimate defeat of every diabolical force, the awful judgment of the wicked dead, and the final consummation of God's perfect purposes for the universe. No book in the world has ever thrown out such tremendous themes and glorious hopes, such profound truths and inexhaustible subjects, as the Word of God has given to the human race to study, to discuss, to believe, and to rejoice in.

Inasmuch as the fourth and fifth standards set forth by these scholars seem somewhat related, we take the liberty of considering them as one:

"The fourth criterion is that a great book must be a work of fine art. It must have an immediate intelligibility and style which will excite and discipline the ordinary mind by its form alone. Fifthly, a great book must be a masterpiece of the liberal arts. Its of thought and imagination whose work has been faithful to the ends of these arts, the understanding and exposition of the truth."

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That the "Authorized Version of the Bible is the first English classic seems by all competent authorities to be allowed," wrote the late Dr. Albert C. Cook a few years ago, and he wrote such a verdict with the authority of one who had been the professor of English language and literature in Yale University for thirty-three years. Lord Macaulay once said that the Bible was a book "which, if everything else in our language should perish, would alone suffice to show the whole extent of its beauty and power."

Of the very first page of the Bible, which is devoted to the subject of the creation of the world, a subject which in itself would seem not to be a theme that could be set forth in language of any particular beauty, no less a person than Dr. William Lyon Phelps, Lampson professor of English literature at Yale University from 1901 to 1933, has finely said,

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^{*}Since this article was written this giant of New Testament scholarship has passed away.

The Bible School Needs More Bible

By ROSS L. HOLMAN, Nashville, Tenn.

NE of the most appalling observations I have experienced in my years of Sunday School work is the fact that the average child can grow up with a record of constant Sunday School attendance and learn nothing about the Bible. I have known children from well educated families to spend their entire growing years in weekly Church School attendance, from the cradle roll to the Bible class, and come into the full maturity of manhood or womanhood utterly untouched as far as any intelligent knowledge of the Bible is concerned.

There may be more than one reason for this, but the one that I think is chiefly responsible is the failure to fit the type of literature to the needs and conditions of the classes. Although the material may be ideal for some classes with certain backgrounds of training, it may be a complete failure under other circumstances. Instead of adapting the pattern to fit the child, they are trying to cut the child to fit the pattern.

I don't want to be misunderstood in the discussion of this subject, for I have handled some excellent literature in my years of Church School work. On the other hand. I have been compelled to use quarterlies that seemingly make no effort whatever to give the youth any knowledge of the Bible. The lessons will cover almost any subject from flowers to wild animals, and the only connection they try to make with the Bible is one or more Bible references at the beginning of the lesson discussion that appear to have been thrown in more as a concession to scriptural tradition than because of any bearing they may have on the strange topics discussed.

VIANY writers of Church School literature seem to be obsessed with the theory that the present-day boy or girl cannot be interested in anything but present-day topics and events. You must talk to them about things that exist in their present world, they reason, and apply the teachings of Scripture to the realities of their presentday life. This is fine as far as it goes, but the trouble is most of them discuss present-day events and forget to mention the Bible at all. They have carried this trend so far that many writers of such literature, as well as many Church School officers and teachers, actually believe that the Bible is too deep a subject for the average youth. If you don't use your class hour to entertain him with baseball stories and other things in which he is interested, they say, he will lose interest in Sunday School and drift away. Whatever reference you make to the Bible must be done carefully, cautiously, and almost apologetically.

A few years ago, I was put in charge of a class that had gone to pieces. It had originally been composed of fifteen boys and girls of about twelve years of age, but the attendance had dropped to an average of three a Sunday. It was my job to hunt up the errant youngsters, bring them back to the class, if possible, and make things so interesting for them they would not want to drift away again.

After making a number of calls at the homes I managed to bring the attendance back to about eight before I began to sense the cause of their lack of interest. In the first place, there was little co-operation on the part of the parents, and so it was up to me to give them a program sufficiently interesting to make them prefer Sunday School to any other form of attraction.

I gave every new pupil one of the regular quarterlies and tried to build my lesson each Sunday around the topic designated by the quarterly for that particular day. I had been brought up under the old-fashioned idea that the purpose of the Bible School is to teach the Bible; that the Bible is our rule of faith and practice—our definition of moral living, and as such, the Bible School is a factor of tremendous importance in our social order.

The quarterly was almost unique in its lack of any mention of the Bible or anything connected with Bible teaching. Just why it became a textbook for a class of Church School children would have been mystifying but for the fact that it was following a definite trend of Church School literature. For instance, one entire lesson in the book discussed the subject of how to make and fly a kite; another was on methods of keeping a diary; a third was devoted to a discourse on how Chinese children live.

Since the children were given these quarterlies, I tried to find some common ground to effectually tie in the lessons with some great moral truth based on scriptural teaching that they could apply to the little problems they had to face in their daily contacts. If I had wanted to turn my forty-minute class period once a week into a variety of courses on nature, sports, geography and astronomy I did not have either the materials, time, or background to make such a program effective. The children could much better get such knowledge in the curricula of schools, or by reading up on such subjects.

I soon found the children losing interest again. They would take the quarterlies home as soon as received and carelessly forget where they left them. I had to make repeated visits to their homes to keep them interested enough to continue coming.

Finally, in desperation, I went to the

superintendent and laid the cards on the table. I told him what I was up against in holding the interest of the class. He agreed with me that the literature did not meet the needs of the children under my charge, and so we together worked out a completely new program and decided to give it a trial. It embraced a course in Bible history with the lessons planned in chronological order from Genesis to Revelation.

While a few of my pupils were from homes where some Bible teaching had been available and had a fair twelve-year-old knowledge of Scripture, I found the majority of them did not know the simplest facts of Bible history. Several of them didn't know that Adam was the first man, knew nothing about the great flood, or that Christ is the Son of God. Yet, they were children who had been in Sunday School, at least off and on, since the cradle roll, and had been nourished on a fair sample of our modern graded literature!

Now, those who think the Bible is too deep and dry a subject for the present-day youth except when it is mixed in medicine dropper doses with vast reams of present-day life and facts, are due for a surprise. When I told this class of youngsters the story of creation, which was presented in child language they could understand and appreciate, things began to liven up. Children who had never heard the story of creation before began to ask eager questions. In fact, questions were fired at me so fast I had difficulty in getting the complete story across in my limited time.

The class took on new life. New pupils began to enroll. I even ran into the problem of proselyting pupils from other classes in the same Sunday School. Pupils of both younger and older classes wanted to study this new course. One other teacher adopted the same course.

For a textbook, I used one of the popular books of Bible stories offered by religious publishing houses. I did not purchase copies and pass them around until the course had advanced through several Sundays of oral story telling. On passing the books around, interest in Bible stories had become so keen that several read the book through the first three weeks. One boy, who knew nothing about the Bible when he started in my class, read the book through four times before we advanced a third of the way through in class lessons.

Bible stories are just as full of drama and human interest as any present-day literature. What child, for instance, will not listen just as eagerly to the story of David and Goliath as he would to the story of Jack the Giant Killer? What child would not thrill to the story of

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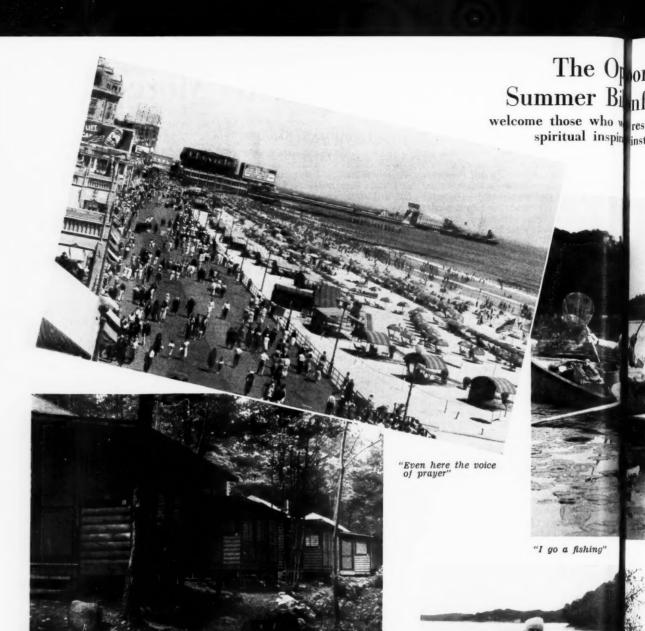
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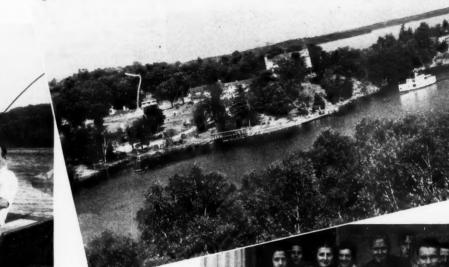
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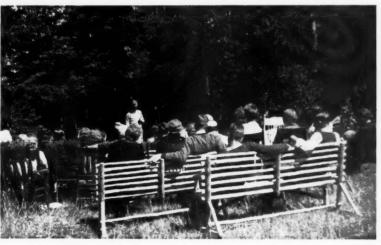
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Recreation for Youth

By ROBERT H. COX, Richmond, Va.



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UR primary task as Christian ministers and laymen is to lift up Christ and seek to glorify. Him. That is the angle from which we must approach this problem. We can indulge in "pious cant" and mouth lovely empty "ought-to-bes," but a host of seeking youth demand our deepest sympathy and interest in this problem.

This whole question, of course, relates to the adult as well as the adolescent, but we are primarily concerned with the latter. In the first place, our youths are social beings. They have become deeply conscious of others. There is a great demand for social events. The realization of the existence of the opposite sex becomes very real. Dating becomes a passion in the atmosphere of the average high school. Girls and boys are continually together. Any social event is considered a golden opportunity. From high school to college or business this is increased. The social side of life looms larger than ever. Success comes to be measured in terms of social conquests. We can close our eyes and forget this, but we cannot get away from it. Youth is a social being and demands something to meet that demand. In this case should not the Church be greatly interested in developing this side of life in harmony with the Christian ideal?

In the second place, youth wants to have opportunity to express itself, to give vent to those emotions that surge continually. The energies of youth demand an outlet. They want to use their lungs,

their bodies, their whole beings. A stately church service may be endured for a while, but there is a limit. Youth must have opportunities for self-expression. If they do not get it in the church or in harmony with the church, they will seek it elsewhere.

In the third place, youth wants to learn new things. Culture and recreation are often used to foster each other, or may be opposed to each other and so lead to negative results. If culture is what Matthew Arnold said it was, "Contact with the best that has been said and thought in the world," then certain forms of recreation are taboo, and the church should seek to be a patron of culture by being concerned with wholesome recreation.

Youth is interested in others, desires expression, and wants to learn new things. Yet our primary task in the light of these is not so much to legislate as to inculcate ideals and present principles so that youth may face all these problems and questions intelligently, but more than that, as Christians.

I have said that we ought first to approach all of these things by suggesting basic principles. We can be sure that youth is not going to be told what they ought not to do. We cannot on our own authority tell or guide them effectively. It may be lasting for a while, but it will break. We must never forget that our first concern with youth is that they come to realize their need of Christ as

Saviour and Lord. Only when we begin with that as a basis do we get anywhere. If we make our appeal on the foundations of His love and His demands of those who have accepted Him as Lord, we have come a long way.

All debatable questions must be answered by the Christian with three factors in view: Is this to the glory of God? Is this helpful or harmful to those around me? Does this assist me in becoming more like Christ? With all of these in view Reginald Wallis in his little book, *The New Man*, gives a series of questions which we ought to face in planning our recreation:

(1) Is it of the world? Does it minister to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life?

(2) Is it to the glory of God?(3) Can we invoke God's blessing up-

on it? Such may seem a triviality, but we are separating our living and our life in Christ.

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(4) Is it a stumblingblock to others? It may not be wrong, but is it expedient?

(5) Has it the appearance of evil? Do we have to apologize for it when a friend sees us practicing it?

(6) Is it a "weight"? Does it keep us from being more interested in the things of Christ?

(7) Is its atmosphere good? Does it encourage our spiritual growth?

Along this very line Catherine Atkinson Miller has written in her helpful book, *Eighteen*:

"Usually when you pay for a commercialized amusement you get what you pay for. It does mean that any amusement is too expensive for you if it leaves you less fit for your work, if it gives you a bitter aftertaste in your mouth or a feeling of disgust in your mind, no matter how little it costs you in actual cash."

The real matter in question is not whether an amusement or form of recreation is right or wrong, it is whether it is good or best.

John Wesley's mother wrote to her son:

"Would you judge the lawfulness of a pleasure? Take this rule: Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes away the relish of spiritual things, whatever increases the authority of your body over your mind, that is wrong!"

That strikes hard at many today who are more concerned with preserving their liberty than being effective instruments in the hand of God. We see great value in contending for the things necessary for "a well-rounded personality," but how long will men listen—professing Christian men—when you want to approach recreation in terms of Christian living and obligations?

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What the Vacation School Is Accomplishing

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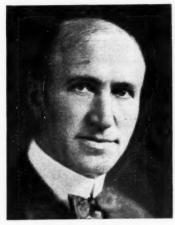
School 160 years ago has any movement in Christian education been so intensely practical and so signally successful as the Daily Vacation Bible School. In less than forty years, the first school founded by Robert Boville has been multiplied in America by ten thousand, with more than a million pupils, while every country on the globe has been invaded.

Like the Sunday School, its success is largely due to the practical plan of its founder to meet an appalling need. Robert Raikes had a burden for the idle children of our large cities, released from school and factory only to run riot upon the streets, to the extreme annoyance of all decent people. But, while Raikes' purpose was to provide these "mobs of miserable little wretches" with the elements of both secular and religious knowledge, Boville sought to add Bible instruction, so conspicuously absent in the public school today. He conceived the idea of bringing idle children, idle churches, and idle teachers together for the purpose of implanting those moral and religious truths of which our American children are at present so lament-

It has been well said that if America was no more successful in removing illiteracy than in implanting moral and religious knowledge, two out of three of our nation would not be able to read or write, while the remaining third would not be beyond the second reader. The founders of America believed that the Bible should be taught in the home, school, and church. Less

than one hundred years ago the home was recognized as the world's greatest university, and the most important study in its curriculum was the Bible. But the American home is no longer the center of the spiritual and religious life of the family, and fathers and mothers cannot be depended upon to assume their responsibility as religious teachers.

There was a time when the school teacher was a religious instructor. It is almost unbelievable that the American public school system owes its existence to the intensely religious Puritans of colonial days. The first textbook of the American public school was the Bible, and for years large portions of the Scriptures were considered "profitable for instruction." The Puritans felt that reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic were es-



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sential for the knowledge of the Scriptures, but today we are teaching the three R's wthout a recognition of their relationship to religion.

Even the Sunday School is no longer the outstanding agency for religious instruction that it once was. Of the 7,-000,000 people in greater New York not more than 2 per cent are attending Sunday School. While the saloons in the United States have increased from 177,000 in 1920 to 442,000 in 1937, the number of Sunday Schools has declined at an alarming rate. Is it any wonder that when the public school teachers of New England were recently asked to name the greatest influence in the life of the child, they crossed out the words, "home," "school," and "church," and substituted "movie"? For the 36,000,000 children and adolescents unreached by the Sunday School today, the movie is the only "Bible" they possess to form and mold their lives. At a time when the great mass of American children, because of their spiritual illiteracy are becoming moral delinquents, filling our courts and our prisons and threatening the nation with anarchy, the Daily Vacation Bible School has appeared. After forty years of unparalleled growth what can be said of its accomplishments?

HE Vacation School is enrolling boys and girls hitherto unreached by any religious agency. Probably the greatest problem before the American Sunday School is to reach the great mass of children who are receiving no systematic religious instruction. Two out of three of our Protestant boys and girls are not in Sunday School and seem hardly likely to be. In fact, during the past ten years while the Daily Vacation Bible School has grown by leaps and bounds, denominations that in 1900 recorded approximately equal numbers in church and Sunday School, today announce hundreds of thousands-in one denomination more than a million-less Sunday School pupils than church members. Statistics indicate that about onefourth of the pupils in the Daily Vacation Bible School have not previously been reached, so that a summer school frequently means an increased enrollment for the Sunday School that is willing to follow up this advantage.

It is particularly interesting to note that Catholic children are attracted to what they consider a *real* school. One year it was my privilege to direct a Va-

cation School in a Lutheran church. At the opening session a mother brought her four boys. When I inquired whether they were attending Sunday School, to my astonishment the mother replied:

"They would never learn anything in a Sunday School."

"Why not?"

"Because it is a mere makeshift. We Catholics believe that religion should be taught every day."

"Then why do you come here?"

"Because the parochial school has closed for the summer, and I don't know of any better place for my boys to spend their idle hours than your Vacation School."

It is well for us to remember that religion may be a very formal thing to the



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Catholic child, but it is, nevertheless, a very constant and important thing. Daily religious instruction cannot help but gain a new respect for the Bible on the part of boys and girls who are accustomed to seeing their readers, arithmetics, histories, and geographies five times more frequently.

The Vacation School is demonstrating to the church better than any other agency the great possibilities for improvement in the Sunday School. Many churches are content with what they are accomplishing in the Sunday School, but not those who have witnessed the larger and better possibilities of the Daily

Vacation Bible School.

A pastor who has made a careful study of this subject, and conducts one of the most successful Vacation Schools in the city in which his church is located, recently made this significant statement to me: "Our boys and girls make as much progress in the intensive work of five weeks in our Vacation School as they formerly did in three years in our Sunday School."

How do we explain this? What does the Vacation School have that the Sunday School lacks?

1. The Vacation School has the best hours of the day.

In the Vacation School the entire morning is given to the children. As the sessions, in most instances, begin directly after the close of the public school, the pupil readily enters into the church program for the entire morning, accepting the afternoon release and freedom from home work as a sufficient guarantee of a vacation from his studies.

2. The Vacation School provides a continuous program.

It is hardly to be expected that our

boys and girls would become proficient in reading, writing, and arithmetic if their instruction were limited to a weekly session. The study of the Bible day after day makes it possible to progress more rapidly, since less is forgotten in the shorter interval between lessons. To permit multiplied interests to intervene between seasons of instruction, requires time for review purposes that should be spent in advance study.

3. The Vacation School provides a correlated curriculum.

Worship is a very important phase of religious education. But the average Sunday School does not give more than 6 per cent of its program to worship. Not only is worship given an adequate place in the day's program of the Daily Vacation Bible School, but the theme for these devotional exercises has a distinct bearing on the lesson that is to

4. The Vacation School provides adequate time for expressional activities.

A child remembers 10 per cent of what he hears, 50 per cent of what he sees, 70 per cent of what he says, and 90 per cent of what he does. Despite the fact that the pupil is far more likely to assimilate instruction which he reproduces, few Sunday Schools devote much attention or time to expressional methods. Whereas 90 per cent of the session is given to information, not more than 4 per cent is devoted to expression in the average Sunday School.

N THE Vacation School. fully as much attention is given to expression as instruction. With every impression there is adequate opportunity provided for expression. Manual expression, especially, has been stressed since its educative value is so superior to oral recitation. The instruction is reproduced by writing, drawing, and handcraft. Knowledge clarified and confirmed by the construction of maps and models cannot be forgotten. A boy is far more likely to understand and remember the plan of the tabernacle if he helps construct a model than if he reads the description in Exodus any number of times.

5. The Vacation School is giving attention to the training of its teachers.

AT LEAST three-fourths of the success of any school is dependent upon the teacher, and one of the most hopeful signs for the improvement of the Sunday School is the great movement for teacher training that the churches are putting forth today. However, the Vacation School has recognized the importance of the trained teacher from the very beginning. Dr. Boville recruited college students for his first schools. The Moody Bible Institute, as a part of its training. conducts a demonstration school, where observation and practice teaching are required of all prospective teachers. The Evangelical Teacher Training Association in the short period of its existence has fully prepared and equipped thousands of teachers for this work.

No one would detract from the honor that will be given to Robert Raikes in the one hundred and sixtieth anniversary of the Sunday School. America, especially, is deeply indebted to this institution for the large influence it has wielded in the moral and religious development of the nation. But perhaps at some future date our citizens will look back upon the Daily Vacation Bible School not only as inaugurating a new era in Christian education, but also as introducing the great preserving force of its

national integrity.

The Source of Power

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When I do not stop to pray, The cross is hard to bear; 'Tis then that heaven seems far away And God seems not to care.

When I cannot find one hour-Oh, what a meager cost!-Tis then I seem to have no power To witness to the lost.

When I do not start the day With Christ, my all in all, "Tis then that Satan has his way And I am sure to fall.

'Tis then that little things annoy And feelings crave release, "Tis then I seem to lose His joy And miss His inward peace.

Lord, let me look into Thy face Till all else fades away; Then shall my spirit learn Thy grace, My heart shall learn to pray.



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By EDITH L. MAPES, Erie, Pa.

Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God.—II Corinthians 3:5.

Some people think I think I'm good; Oh, if they only understood! Could they but draw aside the screen Of shielding clay that stands between And see the penitent within That craves so oft release from sin.

If some kind angel could reveal The sense of guilt and shame I feel Because my poor heart open swings To such as entering blights and stings; Oh, if they only, only knew The grace it takes but to ring true!

If they could understand my need And hear what I confess and plead, And know how fully I depend Upon my precious Lord and Friend: I wonder, would they call such dress The mantle of self-righteousness?

World Peace-When and How?

Sixth in the Series of Articles on

"Present-Day Darkness and the Floodlight of Prophecy"

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ORLD PEACE!
The hope of the ages!
One of the happiest moments
through which many of us ever
lived was that unforgettable dawn of the
eleventh of November, 1918, when news
of the Armistice was flashed around the
world. Firing had ceased along the
western front, and peace had come back
to earth.

However, the dove of peace lingered but a moment. The world soon plunged into new and greater difficulties; and the passing years have dimmed the significance of the Armistice. Both sides of the world conflict lost tremendously, lost about everything worth-while—almost everything, but not all.

Hope remains.

That is universal, and the uniting link of all races. We were reminded of this some time ago while listening to a radio broadcast in which a descendant of Mohammed had a part. "We Mohammedans," he said, "unite with you in praying for peace." The speaker then proceeded to give a demonstration of the Mohammedan prayer for peace. It consisted of an elongated inarticulate cry, intense and piercing. It resembled more the cry of a wounded beast of the jungle than of a human being. However, it represented the Mohammedan note in the world-orchestration of the age-long hope for peace.

In view of world conditions today, one cannot but question whether this universal hope has any foundation. Will there ever be permanent peace on earth? Millions occupy themselves with similar questions everywhere. They ask, as did the Ishmaelites, crying out of Seir, "Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, the morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will inquire, inquire ye: return, come" (Isa. 21:11, 12).

Yes, there will be peace on earth. The universal hope is not a mockery. The long-looked-for morning will come. God has promised it. He will also bring it to pass in His own good time.

Let us notice a few of God's promises of peace:

"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. . . But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth. . . And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. . . The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead



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them. . . . They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious" (Isa. 11:1, 4-6, 9, 10).

In announcing the birth of Christ the heavenly heralds referred to these promises, "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:13, 14). Howbeit, peace has not yet come. The promises above quoted seem "closed up sealed," as were the words and visions granted to Daniel, till the time of the end.

In the twenty years since the World War, the nations have tried every variety of treaty and international agreement to prevent war, only to find that they had written mere scraps of paper. Our own country is determined to have nothing to do with war. This determination has found expression in the activities of various peace societies, in resolutions by ministers not to serve as chaplains, in attacks on military education in the universities. It inspired the Ludlow proposal for a constitutional amendment taking from the President and Congress the power to declare war until a referendum had been submitted to the

All these activities seem abortive.

Nor only our country, but the world as a whole is headed for another and greater war. The tidal waves of unrest and hatred are continuously rising, and subsequent suffering and sorrow. Over a million people in Europe today are without a country. "No lands' men," they are called, an army of forgotten men exposed to endless ordeals.

"Distress . . . with perplexity" (Luke 21:25) is here on a universal measure. Bankers, business men, educators, and political leaders tremble under apprehensions. Mr. Leacock writes that "the world is becoming too serious today, even to do its serious work properly. Every day's news brings us new scares of some kind. And what is there we can do about it? Nothing that I know of." There is an undercurrent of apprehension everywhere.

SIMILAR unrest prevails in the religious world. It costs so much to preach a pure gospel today that many have chosen the line of least resistance and have taken an easier path. Meanwhile, false teachers and spurious cults are achieving marked success. Christians not able to discriminate between the power of the Holy Spirit and psychic force, have fallen prey to seductive spirits.

These are dark days indeed!

However, God's promises are sure. We have "a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well to take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts" (II Pet. 1:19).

When and how shall peace come? God's Word says it shall come through Jesus Christ. Isaiah predicts that "they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide a spoil. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this" (Isa. 9:3-7).

Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace. He alone can bring peace. He is our peace. What agony of soul and bitter strife could have been avoided had men understood God's program for peace! But men, foolish in their own conceits, rejected God's only mediator and ad-

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ministrator for peace. For six thousand years men have sought to bring about their own Utopia. But this is a large contract. It involves more than human interest, social justice, or military force can accomplish. It involves nothing less than a complete change of the heart and mind of man. Man in his sinful state cannot usher in the Millennium.

World peace, therefore, in its last analysis, is part and parcel of the sin question. Jesus Christ in His incarnation, His sacrificial and atoning death, and His glorious resurrection is the only surety for world peace. "And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things on earth, or things in heaven" (Col. 1:20). The same thought is brought out in Paul's letter to the Ephesians, "Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: that in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him" (Eph. 1:9 10)

HIS IS God's program for world peace. The "gathering together in one all things in Christ," which began at the Cross and will reach its culmination at Christ's appearing, cannot but result in a state of universal peace. With the Prince of Peace ruling supreme on the earth there will be no room for dissension or revolt. But peace will not come until "the fullness of the times" will have come in. In other words, there will be no world peace until Christ has taken out a people for His name (Acts 15:14).

Christ predicted restlessness and tribulation during the Church dispensation. The apostle Paul testified to this fact when speaking to the disciples in Antioch: "We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22).

This present world is God's workshop. The noise, grime, and turmoil belong to the "taking out" process. The fears, animosity, bloody warfares, anguish, and sorrows are a necessary part of the process, and the never failing grace of God. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:10). In the world but not of it, we are being made perfect through diverse tribulation for the glory that will be ours at Christ's appearing.

The Rapture (I Thess. 4:13-17) will consequently be the next vital step in bringing about world peace, and in direct sequence, the restoration of Israel. "After this I will return, and I will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things" (Acts 15:16, 17).

This future and final restoration of Israel is spoken of by Jeremiah in the following glowing terms: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch. and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called. THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS" (Jer. 23:5, 6).

In his notes, Dr. C. I. Scofield says in this connection, "This final restoration is shown to be accomplished after a period of unexampled tribulation (Jer. 30:3-10), and in connection with the manifestation of David's righteous Branch (v. 5), who is also Jehovah-tsidkenu (v. 6). The restoration here foretold is not to be confounded with the return of a feeble remnant of Judah under Ezra. Nehemiah.



God's Dwelling Place

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There was a tabernacle made with hands, Of Israel's offerings fair;

God came from His exalted dwelling place And shed His glory there.

There was a time when, shadows past, the Word To all men did appear;

Stooping from His high place. He took our flesh And tabernacled here.

God dwells in heaven now, and Christ has gone Back to His home above;

Still is their place on earth, for in my heart The Spirit dwells by love!

will set it up. That the residue of men and Zerubbabel at the end of seventy years (Jer. 29:10). At His first advent Christ, David's righteous Branch (Luke 1:31-33), did not 'execute justice and judgment in the earth,' but was crowned with thorns and crucified. Neither was Israel the nation restored, nor did the Jewish people say, 'The Lord our right-The prophecy is yet to be eousness.' fulfilled."

It may be given to our generation to witness the fulfillment of this prophecy. Surely it would seem as if the "time of Jacob's trouble" (Jer. 30:7) had already begun. The prediction of Jesus, "Ye shall be hated of all people," could soon enough become an actuality. Rabbi Brickner said recently, "We are facing an anti-Semitism that is becoming world wide in scope." In speaking of this phase of the Jewish problem, Jesus said, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28). And what a zigzaggy, thorny trail it has been! What price to pay in blood and tears for rejecting their Messiah! And what a warning to us all! "For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee" (Rom. 11:21).

The redemption spoken of in Luke 21:28 does not; of course, refer to the finished work on Calvary, but rather to the restoration of the remnant of Israel. Christ's coming in great power and glory is in connection with the Armageddon battle, described by the prophet Joel in these gripping words, "And the Lord shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?" (Joel 2:11).

Out of this sea of fire, Israel shall come out purified and baptized. In deep and full repentance they shall have sought His forgiveness and favor whom they crucified. God will be merciful to them. "And the ransomed of the Lord

shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isa. 35:10).

The bridal supper of the Lamb will follow, and the reign of peace will be inaugurated. As King of kings, Christ shall be crowned by all. "He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment. The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness. . . . He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth. In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. . . . All nations shall call him blessed" (Ps. 72:1, 2, 6, 7, 17). "On earth peace, good will toward men," will have come in all its glory and full-

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"How Shall We Order the Child, and How Shall We Do unto Him?"

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N THE dark days of Israel's history, when the people were groaning under the yoke of the Philistines, a divine messenger announced to the childless wife of Manoah that a son should be born to her, one destined to liberate the people from the slavery of their enemies. Manoah realized the great responsibilities of fatherhood. He entreated the Lord and said, "O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again to us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born." When the prayer was granted and the angel visitant again appeared, Manoah put to him the question, "How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?" (Judg. 13:8, 12).

That question asked so long ago, must be in the minds of all parents. Young lives are intrusted into your hands, with all their possibilities for good and evil, with all their human frailty, and with all their God-given powers. You may ask petulantly, "Am I my brother's keeper?" but you can never for one moment doubt that you are your child's keeper, bound by every consideration, human and divine, to care for that child, body and soul. And you will surely ask of God that you may know what to do for your child and pray for grace to fulfill your duty.

Mothers will pray for their children. The mother who never prays for her children cannot be called a good mother. When you wash their bodies, pray that their souls may be cleansed in the fountain of a Saviour's mercy. When you put on their garments, pray that they may be clothed in the garments of salvation. As you feed them, pray that their souls may be fed with the bread of life. As you put them to rest, pray that they may be folded in the Saviour's arms. Let them ever have the memory of a mother's prayers.

Teach your children to pray. Kneeling at mother's knee is one thing a child will never forget. There he will learn as nowhere else, that there is a loving Father in heaven who cares for him. Teach your children to read and love God's Word. Timothy was so taught by a godly mother. "From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Tim. 3:15).

Mothers brought their children to Jesus to get His understanding of the child. This is a perpetual paradox of life. Parenthood is serious, but blessed. We are making a new discovery in our day. We are finding out the value of childhood. In earlier days the child was treated with severity, marshaled into line by his

elders. Then it dawned upon the popular mind that he was an asset of the people, of present as well as of future value. The heart of Jesus was with the children. He could read their souls. He could see in them, in their innocence, a foretaste of the kingdom of heaven, of a new race that will never grow old, for men enter like children into the kingdom. Taking little children into His arms, Jesus identified them with Himself. We see and feel His infinity in every contact. With Him there is no old age. All Christians die young. We must be young again to enter the kingdom. In His arms we become children

HIS age is realizing that children, if well trained and wisely directed, are our greatest treasure. Hence the abundance of boys' and girls' clubs of every type, the persistent study of child psychology, the discussions about the influence of movies, literature, and social habits upon children. This is a children's age, and the Church must awaken to that fact. She is discovering now that the child is the strategic point in society. We can believe that though there is but one way into the kingdom of heaven, God has placed every toddler's feet upon it. Why should the child miss the joy of a Saviour's love, to find it, if at all, much later in life? The Church claims to be a missionary body, and if she is to justify herself in that calling, let her realize that her chief mission field lies among the children. Stevenson, who loved children and found them so delightful, said that they "were too good to be true." We are so glad that children are among us and that they spring up like flowers year after year to beautify and sweeten our lives.

Is this not a burning question for the Church as the organ of the nation's highest aspirations, and the instrument for promoting its moral life?

Help your children to realize that they have a friend in Jesus Christ. Teach them to love, obey, and serve Him. Tell them how dearly He loves them and that when on earth He said, "Suffer

little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me" (Matt. 19:14). There is no child at the heart of any other religion. It is only in Christianity we find the child and God united in Christ Jesus. This is one of the glories of our faith. The great eternal fact of Christianity is the Child Jesus Himself.

Long ago there lived a sinful youth, the child of a godless father but a praying mother. "Pray on, pray on, the child of so many prayers cannot be lost," was the comforting assurance given to her, and at last Monica had the joy of seeing her prayers abundantly answered. Her once wayward son became one of God's greatest servants, Augustine. John Ruskin said that he learned three things in his home—peace, obedience, and faith.

n another land lived a skilled engineer, able to command a fine salary, but morally a waster. Christians tried to help him but failed miserably. He went down and out in his own profession and became a street car conductor. One day a woman and her little girl got on the car. While he was taking the fare the little child looked up into his face and innocently asked, "Do you love Jesus?" Two weeks later the man found out where they lived and went to see the child. With a heavy heart the mother told the street car conductor that the child had passed away a few days after she spoke to him. The man replied most sympathetically to the mother saying that the child's mission was done, for she had led him into the kingdom.

Oh, Beauteous Day!

By REV. HENRY OSTROM, D.D., Greencastle, Ind.

Oh, beauteous day! Thy hand bejeweled reaches me. I'd hold thee fast Till welcomes seemed a revelry. But wilt thou last?

Oh, beauteous day! Thy sky is cloudless, and thy breath Gives health full free; It seems to prove all tempests' death O'er main and lea.

Oh, beauteous day!
What storms all hidden lurk for thee
(Or did they die)?
I long from such to be forever free—
Dost ask me why?

There is a day—
No storm o'er-sweeps. Nor on, for aye
Are damps or chills:
It bursts in splendor on life's way
When Jesus wills.



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Farewell—Hallowed Spot!

By WILLIAM M. RUNYAN, Chicago, Ill.

ONG before the light of D. L. Moody's radiant ministry gladdened the Christian world, the saintly Irish-American, William Hunter, wrote:

There is a spot to me more dear
Than native vale or mountain;
A spot for which affection's tear
Springs grateful from its fountain.
'Tis not where kindred souls abound,
Though that is almost heaven,
But where I first my Saviour found
And felt my sins forgiven!

How sacred a spot is the old Moody Church (later the Moody Bible Institute Auditorium) at the corner of North La-Salle Street and Chicago Avenue! Since 1873 it has been a garden where the voice of God has been heard "in the cool of the day"; a Bethel where sinners saved by grace have gratefully witnessed, "Surely the Lord is in this place"; a green pasture of soul-restoration; a Mount of Beatitudes.

Would that it were built of enduring marble; but it is not. In the eyes of our

Father God, and for spiritual significance, it is more worthy to stand than the Parthenon in Athens, the Colosseum in Rome—but its crumbling brick walls and other marks of disintegration make imperative its early demolition.

Impoverished by the great fire of 1871, the local forces of the church could not provide funds necessary for its rebuilding. Sunday School children of many states of the Union made small-coin contributions to provide bricks, and the first story was completed and put to use. The main auditorium grew from the devoting of royalties resulting from the sale of Moody-Sankey songbooks in the British Perhaps the glories of gospel song for which this auditorium is noted are an inheritance-an echo of the praise that built the walls.

THERE are certain dates that like stepping stones cross the stream of the years. The basement of the church was built and occupied in 1873; the upper auditorium was dedicated in 1876; in 1893 the great evangelistic movement headed by Mr. Moody, to reach Chicago and the visitors to the Columbian Exposition, centered here; Mr. Moody was called to his well-earned reward in 1899, and in 1901 the name of the church was changed in his honor from

Chicago Avenue Church to the Moody Church; the Moody Church outgrowing these limited halls removed to the north and in 1918 the Institute purchased the old church and renamed it the Moody Bible Institute Auditorium, and now the year 1939 will be written in as the date of disappearing of the material structure, while a world of spiritual history of salvation and blessing goes marching on.

Formal farewell was paid to the old building on Saturday evening, May 6. Where had stood Moody, Torrey, Gray, and great teachers and preachers from over the world's seven seas, on this night stood Dr. Will H. Houghton to direct the service. Where notable precentors, Mc-Granahan and Towner, Alexander and others, had formerly stood, on this night stood our own Dr. Hammontree and Mr. Bittikofer promoting the floods of praise

On the platform honored in other days by the ministry of such pastors as W. J. Erdman, George C. Needham, R. A. Torrey, A. C. Dixon, to name four of nine,

for the old-time, the all-time gospel.

stood on this farewell evening Dr. H. A. Ironside, present pastor of the Moody Memorial Church, and spoke words of fitness and inspiration on the theme, "What Hath God Wrought!"

From the section of seats reserved for old-time converts who entered the Beulah land of promise in this building, Dr. Houghton called for impromptu testimonies, each person coming to the platform to speak before the microphone, as the program was being preserved as a radio transcription.

To initiate these testimonies A. F. Gaylord, for thirteen years superintendent of the Moody Sunday School, and for forty-four years business manager of the Institute, spoke with arresting interest and spiritual earnestness. Mary Moody Hutton, a niece of Mr. Moody's residing in Chicago, gave gracious and amusing incidents revealing her famous uncle's kindness and interest in children. Then followed heart-warming testimony of the finding of salvation in

the Moody Church, some of many years ago, others of more recent date, a number of the witnesses having become prominent Christian workers and servants of God in the Chicago area: E. P. James, T. J. Crofts, Charles E. Crawford, Mrs. Harry Smyth, Mrs. Arthur W. McKee, Harry Dixon Loes, J. C. Rochotte, and George B. Meeker.

The opening prayer was offered by Dr. Harold L. Lundquist. A long-time trustee of the Institute, a longer-time worker and official in the Moody Church, Thomas S. Smith, in a closing prayer gave praise to God for what the beloved building had meant to unnumbered multitudes through the years, thus bringing this heart-moving farewell service to its conclusion.

America's great poet, Markham, said of the martyred Lincoln,

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And when he fell in whirlwind he went down

As when a kingly cedar, green with boughs,

Goes down with a great shout upon the hills

And leaves a lonesome place against the sky!

Not as a kingly cedar, but as a giant oak with bronzed leaves, the year-after-year shelter of worshiping souls and aspiring students, the old tree is to be felled, and—there will be a lonesome place against the sky.

Farewell to the Old Moody Church

(The Moody Bible Institute Auditorium)

By AVIS B. CHRISTIANSEN, Chicago, Ill.

Farewell, dear church, the time has come Our last good-by to say,

E'er thy blest walls come crumbling down, To pass from sight away.

What mighty saints have here proclaimed
The riches of God's grace!

What multitudes His love have claimed Within this hallowed place!

And though the hand of time hath sought To lay this temple low,

The miracles that God hath wrought Destruction cannot know.

These walls of clay, alas, must fall, The living Church goes on With Him who is her life, her all, To greater things to come.

We bid thee, then, our fond farewells, With mingled joy and tears— Joy that new heights to come foretells,

Grief as thy sad end nears.

And unto Him who changeth not

We lift our hearts in praise

For all that He in love hath wrought Through glorious bygone days!

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By REV. WILL H. HOUGHTON, D.D., Chicago, Ill.

ever hear of such a thing! Only once in all literature is such an incident recorded, and it took the Son of God Himself to tell the story, for such a situation could not be imagined by a writer of fiction.

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Business has been romance in a hundred years of American life. It has been proved again and again that in this land of glowing opportunities the bottom of the ladder and the top of the ladder are but four rungs apart - determination, initiative, frugality, hard work. Some young man leaves his home town and journeys to the city, with dreams of business and financial success. After he has made a career he returns to the little town for a visit. The Chamber of Commerce gives him a testimonial banquet, and the Rotary Club invites him to tell how he succeeded.

But not every ambitious youth makes the city his kingdom. Some are total failures, and in due time they slink into town. Does the Chamber of Commerce give them a banquet? Does the Rotary Club ask for a speech? No, for the world saves its feasting for the successful.

The climax to the story of the Prodigal Son is a banquet, with the defeated youth as the guest of honor. "He is an ingrate. Turn him out," cries the world. "No, I'll take him in," says the father.

"Well, then, hold him on probation,"

"No," says the father, "I'll take him to the very table."

"It would be manlike to give him a servant's position," says the world.

"But it's godlike to give him a son's portion," says the father.

Business calls for the bustling. Caesars demand the successful. Kings desire to be conquerors. Generals recruit the strong. But Christ invites and enlists the failures. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28).

Christ builds His heroes out of common clay. He tells this long story about the headstrong, self-sufficient son who couldn't be saved from himself until he got down to the companionship of pigs. And He told another story, of a lost sheep, so entirely helpless it needed the shepherd's shoulders all the way to the

Haven't you ever discovered that Jesus Christ is in the business of saving men? "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). The saving required His death on the cross. The seeking demands His patient search. Sometimes He stops beside a hospital bed to find there a peni-

BANQUET for a failure! Did you tent. Sometimes the object of His grace water, lime, carbon, phosphorus, a little is the victim of a heartless world, who out of the poverty of daily life has discovered a deeper poverty of soul. Sometimes the recipient of His saving power is the occupant of a mansion. Salvation from selfishness is quite as important as salvation from drunkenness. The fact is that in this matter of sin, Christ saves from society stuff as well as from gutter stuff. And, of course, the immorality of the boulevards is as filthy as the immorality of the Bowery. It may be better adorned, but it is the same old corruption and needs the same radical

> A LITTLE girl made a strange mistake in her interpretation of a word. She was trying to quote, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," only she said "cinders." "Christ Jesus came into the world to save cinders." Yes, the little girl was right!

There's a pile of ashes Heaped up in the yard. Soft and gritty now Twas once coal, black and hard. But it served and had its day, Only good to throw away, That dusty pile of ashes in the yard.

Are those cinders out there In that prison yard? Once those men were clean, But now they're black and hard. Spirit, soul, consumed and gone, Just a body lingers on. Poor old clinkers, cinders In the prison yard.

Greasy, bleary beggar, See him mooch along, All the old-time manhood Soiled and badly marred. Everything he had is gone. All have left him sad, forlorn, As useless as the ashes in the yard.

House of shame, they call it, But the shame long since has fled, Faded women soiled and body scarred, Passion gone now, fire spent, "Fifty cents to pay the rent," Poor old burned out ashes in the yard.

But before the ashes, coal was carbon, and

Diamonds, too, are carbon, bright and hard.

Here's God's grace-Christ will reclaim Diamonds for His diadem Out of cast off ashes in the yard.

A scientist not so long ago said that the human body reduced to chemicals was worth about ninety-seven cents. Your body is made up of iron, sulphur, its reaction on character." So far as

sugar, salt, iodine, and some other things. In terms of the market for chemicals, ninety-seven cents would buy all the elements which go into the body of a man of about a hundred and fifty pounds.

THE question so frequently asked, "How much is he worth," finds humbling response. He is worth just ninety-seven cents. When you go into a wholesale drug house and look over the stock, you are gazing at, potentially, a whole Rotary Club. Think of the Creator's skill, which can take a few cents' worth of each of these ingredients and make a creature who can think and walk and work, and paint pictures and write books and sing and make love! Yet that wonderful creature, reduced to its chemical constituents is worth under a dollar. It may have the voice of a Caruso, the pen of a Shakespeare, the brain of a Gladstone, the tongue of a Beecher, the military genius of a Lee, but the outer covering is of equal value. Even that beautiful creature upon whom you have placed your heart's affection, young man-you think she is worth the world, but she's worth just ninety-seven cents. Yet there isn't any possibility of defining life in chemical terms. The scientist can only discuss the body. Anatomy, physiology, psychology—these are all bound up in the human form, and psychology is still in swaddling clothes. Any sane scientist understands that there is an occupant inside this chemical structure.

Jukes family, for instance? This is the family of sociological fame. I might say for the comfort of any listener who may have this as a family name, that Jukes is not actually the family the sociologists studied and reported upon, but it is the name which has been used to represent one family. About 160 years ago, Max Jukes had two sons. They married harlots. In the intervening years, according to the best records obtainable, there have been 2,094 descendants. Of these only 66 have been good citizens. Six hundred have been feeble-minded. Many have been criminals. The state in which the family lived has spent several million dollars in the care of members of the

It may be that some biologist will arise to say, "But there is a chemical explanation of the whole affair." He may go on to say, "We know more about glands today than we knew in other days, and we understand that glandular action has

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science we shall not raise a protest, but in realms so highly theoretical it is very easy for two and two to make five, sometimes one and one, under the stimulation of a desire to prove a theory.

Many years ago, New York saw the transformation of a character. He lived the first part of his life as Jerry Mc-Auley the thief, a slave to drink, and vicious in his habits. Getting his living from rowing a boat in the night hours to docks where he could steal freight, he became known as a wharf rat. He was a hater of police and felt himself legitimately at war with society. While he was serving a prison sentence the gospel of the grace of God seized him. He became a new man in Christ. Upon his release from prison, he went to work for the rescue of men who had fallen to the level on which he had lived. God honored him and used him in bringing many to the new life that is Christ.

When Jerry McAuley died, his body was placed in the Broadway Tabernacle, in order that friends might view it. Thousands of people passed before his casket that day. It was said that never up to that time had there been a body viewed by as many people in New York City. The first part of his life-friendless; the end of it crowded with friend-

Tell me, Mr. Biologist, what happened to his glands? Where in science is there any possible, even plausible, explanation of the sudden, instantaneous transformation which came to that man as he reached out the hand of faith to receive Jesus Christ?

n thinking of the way Christ banquets failures, we are reminded of the story of the great supper which Jesus once told:

"A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: and sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come: for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So servant came, and showed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant. Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the serv-ant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper" (Luke

How strange and how sad that anyone would decline the invitation! The parable makes evident why it is easier for God to get hold of a life like Jerry McAuley's and others from out of the highways and hedges. Those who were

these things are the actual findings of first invited were too busy about other things. It is written, "They all with one consent began to make excuse." Of course the excuses are couched in terms of politeness. They did not rudely decline the invitation. With a graceful bow they said, "I pray thee have me excused." But the language of culture in which they declined, doesn't take the edge from the fact. They were not as genteel as they pretended to be. A man at great cost had provided something for them. A sense of appreciation would have led them to accept. Better for them a little less courtesy and a little more honesty. The fact was they didn't wish to accept the invitation. Men today give many excuses for staying away from Christ. They are not honest enough to face their real reasons.

> Ir is our solemn duty to remind you that, as they persisted in declining, the invitation was withdrawn. Let me read that again:

"And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper."

Oh, the glorious, but awe-inspiring ability God has given man! God is sovereign, and yet He has said, "Whosoever will may come," "Whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Will you please feel that I am speaking to you at this moment? In the Bible this entire matter of salvation is on the personal plane. It is true that God loved the world. It is true that Christ died for all men. But those receive the triumphant benefits of that love and that death who believe and appropriate. How I wish you would, with the apostle, say at this moment.

"He loved me, and gave himself for me.'

There is hardly any human affliction which calls out our sympathy like that of blindness. What a great and noble service is that wrought by the surgeon whose hand and skill make possible the operation which opens the shutters of darkness and allows the blind to see again! But if the recovery of sight for one who has been able to see and became blind, is such a marvelous thing, what must it be to the person who was born in blindness? Those who have enjoyed the benefits of sight have stored up in memory enough of form and color to be able to respond to description. The return of the seasons would carry to them some idea of the world around them. But how would you describe a green field to a person born to perpetual darkness? The word "green" would be without significance.

Let us imagine a man who had been blind all his life. One day a great surgeon discovers that an operation will give him the sight he never possessed. The day of the operation has arrived and passed. There are days of anxious waiting, and then, following the surgeon's plan, early one morning, with the

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Greek Word Studies By Kenneth S. Wuest

A THREEFOLD PERFECTION

Our Lord cried τετέλεσται (tetelestai), that is, its equivalent in His native language (John 19:30). The word means to bring to a close, to finish, to complete, to accomplish." John uses the verb in the perfect tense. This tense in Greek refers to an act that was completed in past time, the results of which are in existence in present time. Our Lord is speaking of His substitutionary sacrifice on the cross where He perfectly met the demands of the law which we broke, and where He wrought out a salvation for sinners who would accept it by faith. Of course. He was in an anticipatory way viewing the work as complete, and not only complete, but existing in its finished results. He said, literally, "It was accomplished, and it exists in its finished results," or "it stands accomplished." Paul writing to the Hebrews (10:11-12) says that the priests were standing in the temple offering sacrifices, but our Lord was seated. Their work was never finished, for the blood of bulls and goats cannot take away sin. But our Lord's work is forever done. His blood was accepted in the high court of heaven. Neither God nor man need ever or can ever add anything to that perfect sacri-

Paul says (Eph. 2:8), τῆ γάρ χάριτι ἐστέ σεσωμένοι (tēi gar chariti este sesomenoi), "By the grace ye were saved, and as a result at present ye are in the possession of salvation." The article is used, pointing to a particular act of grace at the cross, for no mere gracious attitude of God could save us. The participle is in the perfect tense, referring to the fact of a past complete work of salvation wrought in the believer in answer to his faith, with the result that at present he is in possession of that salvation. But Paul is not content to leave it there. He adds the verb éoré in the present tense, which strengthens the assertion. It is not merely the existence but the persistence of present results. This teaches us that the present possession of salvation by a believer is dependent upon one thing only, the fact of a past work of salvation wrought in him in answer to his faith. Read this statement tomorrow or ten million years from now, and it will still tell the believer that if he was once saved he is always saved.

Our Lord says γέγραπται (gegraptai) (Matt. 4:4). Here again the perfect tense is used. Literally, "it was written and it is at present on record." Moses wrote the words our Lord quoted, fifteen hundred years before, and they were still in force. David said, "Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."

The salvation wrought out at the cross is forever a finished work, the believer's possession of salvation is an everlasting fact, and the Scriptures that record both are forever settled in heaven. What more can the believer ask?

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"I have read accounts of the origin of the world in the bibles of other religions, and they all, while containing some fine and interesting remarks, seem to have much that is trivial and silly. There is nothing childish or silly in our Bible. The narrative points like a great symphony."

What other literature can give us anything to compare with the Twentythird Psalm, the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, the exquisite nativity narratives of Luke's Gospel, the hymn of love in I Corinthians 13, or the massive argument for the resurrection, lifting us up into the very heights of heaven given by Paul in the fifteenth chapter of his First Epistle to the Corinthians? For imagination, beauty, mystery, the quickening of hope, there is nothing in all the literature of Europe to compare with the book of Revelation! Where is there anything that searches the human heart, that condemns a fallen race, and that sets before it so logically and so gloriously the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ and the practical consequences of receiving Him as Paul's inexhaustible epistle to the Romans? It would seem that on every hand all scholars recognize that the Bible is from the standpoint of literary art alone, aside from all other standards, the greatest book of the human race.

The amazing thing is that this very catalogue recognizes the pre-eminence of the Bible when it discusses the labors which have gone into the compilation of this list of one hundred greatest books. We quote the paragraph in its entirety because of the remarkable testimony it bears to the supremacy of the Word of God on the part of two of the most distinguished educators in our country at this time:

"Several models and a great deal of teaching have gone into the compilation of the list. There is the experience with the American Expeditionary Force University at Beaune at the end of the war; there is the experience with honor courses at Columbia University during the twenties; there is the experience with adult reading courses in connection with the People's Institute and the New York Public Libraries; there is the experience with undergraduates, graduates, and high school students at the University of Chicago; there is the experience with Litterae Humaniores at Oxford; there is experience in the Benedictine monasteries from the sixth century on. But the best model that we have is the Bible, a series of books so selected and ordered that they have become the Scriptures of the whole race. This is the most read book in our list, and its inspiration has spread backward and forward through all the classics."

We come back to the question with which we began this message, Is the Word of God today, according to the highest standards of modern education, the supreme book of all the ages to be studied? The very educators who set these standards have themselves borne testimony to an overwhelmingly affirma-

tive answer. May we then conclude this message with a famous utterance made some years ago by one from whom we have already quoted, one of the most beloved and honored teachers of English literature in our country in the twentieth century, Dr. William Lyon Phelps. Here are his striking words—a verdict rendered after a lifetime of bringing to the attention of some of the finest young minds in our country the great literary classics of the ages:

"Every one who has a thorough knowledge of the Bible may truly be called educated; and no other learning or culture, no matter how extensive or elegant, can among Europeans and Americans form a proper substitute. Western civilization is founded upon the Bible; our ideas, our wisdom, our philosophy, our literature, our art, our ideals come more from the Bible than from all other books put together. . . . I thoroughly believe in a university education for both men and women, but I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without the Bible."



The Bible School Needs More Bible

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Jonah and the whale? What better opportunity could you find of firing a boy's ambition and his desire to make something of himself, than to tell him the story of the Hebrew boy who rose from slavery to the position of prime minister of Egypt, where he cornered the world's food supply and used the opportunity to save the world from starvation? Why can't we tie in with the child's present-day existence the lessons of faith, obedience, and clean living which these stories so plainly bring out?

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(The writer has sensed the same need that inspired the classes in Curriculum Making at the Moody Bible Institute several years ago to take as their major project the preparation of just such a course of Sunday School lessons.—Editors)

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- Elizabeth Andrews Houghton -

CAN A BOY HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD?*

By P. Louise Taylor, Hamilton, Ont. A neighbor knocked at Mary's door one

A neighbor knocked at Mary's door one winter morning and invited her to attend a service in a little church nearby. When the time came to go, Mary felt too sick to make the effort—sick in body, sick at heart, and in her soul a longing which could not be expressed. The night was stormy, for wind and snow and biting frost were doing their utmost to keep the folk indoors.

"Take your mother to the meeting," God said to the boy.

Mary's boy of ten urged his mother to accept the invitation. "I'll go along too, and hold you up mother, and help you through the drifts. Just try me out and see if I can't!" The two stepped out into the night to face the chill of a winter's blast, but found the warmth of a Saviour's love at the end of the journey.

Mary was conscious of an inner urge to hasten home, to find her mother's Bible, long since forgotten, and to seek the Friend of whom she had heard.

"Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37), Mary read, as she eagerly opened that sacred Book. Then back a few pages the Spirit guided her search, and again she read, "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God" (John 1:12). Slowly the light dawned on the seeking soul, and with trembling faith she came to Him in prayer and asked the Man of Calvary to enter her heart and to take possession of her life.

A new day dawned in that cottage beneath the pines when Mary took the Saviour into her heart. "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," she commenced to sing as she went with gladness to the tasks which so recently had seemed irksome. She began at once to teach her children about the new found Friend, and in prayer she committed them all to a loving Father's care. Many a time she lifted her voice in prayer, "Lord, I thank Thee for bringing me to this place of weakness, for only here could I have discovered 'What a Friend we have in Jesus.' While we were rich and strong I never wanted Thee, but in the time of need I have found Thee, my Lord and my life."

"Accept the Saviour," God said to the

Quick to follow his mother's example, Mary's son accepted the Lord as his Saviour, and at the time of family worship he added to the usual prayer his own heart petition.

Mary's children were invited to a neighbor's home on Mondays after school. Here a busy mother, living too far away from her own church to engage regularly in service there, laid aside her household tasks each week to gather the neighborhood children into her home. She

*A Mission Band leader answers this question from personal experience.

taught them in song and story of the Saviour's love and of missionaries' lives. Mary's boy was quick to learn life's greatest lessons, and as he listened to the stories of Livingstone, Mary Slessor, and D. L. Moody, there was formed in this lad's heart the purpose of giving his life for the Lord's service.

"Confess Christ publicly," God said to the boy.

For three years the lad listened and learned, but seldom spoke of the grace which God, slowly but surely, was working out within his heart. One evening, the Mission Band leader took the boys to a young people's rally. God spoke to this boy's heart in a very definite way through the preacher's message. When opportunity was given to confess Christ publicly, Mary's boy was quick to respond. Hastening home, he told his mother about the service and his public confession of Christ as Saviour. Mary wisely cautioned him that this act must find expression in Christian conduct.

"Find time for prayer and Bible study," God said to the boy. Mary's son heard God's call to keep "the morning watch," and formed the habit of rising at seven to spend a time with God before facing the day's activities.

The Mission Band leader compiled in simple language the story of D. L. Moody's life and work and placed it in the hands of ten Mission Band boys to memorize, and secured a set of slides illustrating the achievements of this man of God. To church, mission hall, and boys' home this leader took the group of boys, and over and over again they told in story, picture, and song the marvelous tale of what God can do through a life wholly yielded to Him.

"Give your life to the mission field," God said to the boy.

It was the closing service of the campaign. Mary sat behind her boy throughout the evening. Eagerly she scanned his face for tokens of the voice of God within his heart. When the preacher asked for response from any who would give their lives for missions, she noticed in the lad's expression the indication that God had spoken. Mary's boy stood a bit straighter for a moment, and then he walked to the front like a soldier under command.

"Lead your chum to Christ," God said to the boy.

One day during the Easter holidays, Mary's son and his chum went for a hike through the woods. Beneath God's great canopy of blue, the Master spoke to the lad, "Will you tell your chum how he may be saved?" With a thrill of joy the lad realized that he had been commissioned by heaven.



"Are you saved, Don?" he surprised his companion by asking.

"Dunno; what does 'saved' mean?" inquired the other abruptly.

"It means 'born again.' The Bible says, 'Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.' These are the steps you must take in order to be saved. First, you must see yourself as a sinner. The Bible says, 'All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God' (Rom. 3:23). Do you think that 'all' includes you, Don?"

"Sure do, I'm in that list all right. What comes next?" inquired the interested listener.

"The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23), continued the earnest young preacher. "God saw that every one was going astray and so He sent Jesus down here to take the punishment which should have been ours. Do you believe, Don, that Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the whole world?"

"Sure thing. Always have. What comes next?"

"In John 1:12 we read, 'As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God.' Have you ever received Jesus into your heart, Don?"

"Dunno. How's it done?"

"Suppose you saw Jesus on the other side of the stream there, what would be the easiest way to show you were unwilling to receive Him?"

"Just take no notice of Him would show we did not want Him."

"Then, what would you do to show that you did want to receive Him?" continued Mary's son.

"Tell Him so," was the brief reply.

"That is exactly what you must do. Don," and Mary's boy, realizing that the climax had been reached, put his hand on the chum's shoulder, and looking earnestly into his thoughtful face he continued, "Like a great many others, Don, you realize that you are not ready to meet God. You know that Jesus died for the whole world, but you have never gone to Him as a lost sinner, confessed your sin, and received Him into your heart to be your Lord and Master.

And there beneath the canopy of heaven beside a mountain stream the earnest boys bowed to pray.

"Don, are you going to keep all this joy to yourself?" said Mary's son as the two happy boys rose to return home. "You have confesed Christ as Saviour to me, but God wants you to tell others of your new found Friend."

"You bet," was the prompt reply. "I'm going to try and tell my friend Bob how to be saved. Guess you'll have to help me though, for I feel a bit shaky about tackling the job myself."

"Sure thing, I'll help you, Don." There again the two lads bowed in prayer and covenanted with God for another soul.

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SOME KNOTTY QUESTIONS

One who has never actually lived on a foreign field can little imagine the strange and perplexing problems our missionary friends have to work out. Almost everything about life is different from the homeland, including houses. clothing, food, industries, social practices, etiquette, and even modes of thought. And mixed in with everything else are the weird religious beliefs and practices. "Mixed in" are the right words, for almost everything in life has some religious side to it-is affected in some manner or other by the mass of superstitious beliefs which hold the people in pitiable slavery.

When a heathen man or woman begins to move toward the Light, they begin to pass through a process of making life

all over again, including both inner ideals and outward practices. They have many radical renovations to effect, some of which are very difficult and costly-if viewed in a natural way. A Hindu teacher assisting one of our missionaries acquire the native language was obviously deeply impressed by the gospel they had been studying together and was apparently not far from the kingdom. On being asked by his missionary friend if he would not come out openly and confess Christ, he replied, very pathetically, that while he was convinced of the truth of the gospel, the cost to him in persecution and complete social ostracism would be

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eternity!

The missionary's wisdom, resourcefulness, and sympathy are taxed to the limit in seeking to help the newborn babes get established in an utterly new mode of life. Their manner of solving some problems might seem quite strange to friends in the homeland. Some questions are so knotty as to almost defy solution. Again and again, year after year, do earnest missionaries gather in conference in their attempts to discover some wholly satisfactory way out of the puzzling situations caused by ancestral worship or the traditional practice of polygamy.

Take polygamy, for example. But a short time ago a very earnest-minded reader of the Moody Monthly wrote in questioning the wisdom of publishing a certain letter from Africa because it had told of the handling of a case of polygamy in a manner that seemed quite astonishing to our reader. Doubtless a host of good people have, from time to time, similar questions regarding reports from various fields, which are not accompanied by enlightening explanations.

To attempt to fully explain everything would swell most missionary letters into small volumes. However, a brief statement regarding the matter of polygamy may prove illuminating and helpful to many of our readers

Shocking Marital Practices

In many lands polygamy has been practiced from time immemorial, and is an integral part of the social structure. In many parts of the Orient a man may have just as many wives or concubines as he chooses. The same is true in Africa, where chiefs frequently possess as many as several hundred wives, all at the same time. This is a part of heathenism. Men are inclined to have as many as they can afford to keep, since their standing in the community is en-

An African Chief Surrounded by a Group of His Wives

so great that he would rather risk hanced by the display of this particular kind of wealth. Wives are procured by a process of negotiation or barter that, to our Western minds, seems very little different from the purchasing of cattle or chattels. Girls have no choice in the matter of marriage, but are bargained away by their parents, frequently during their early childhood. A wife is just a piece of property, differing little from a slave. Now when the gospel begins to bear fruit in a polygamous community, can you imagine what a chaotic problem confronts the missionary? Must a man put away all his wives but one? If so, what is to become of all those put away? In a heathen community their position would be most pitiable. Unless other husbands can be found for them these women would be turned adrift to suffer the lot of outcast females. For the gospel of God's grace to enter a community and be the cause of sending women out into shame and sin would be an unspeakable tragedy. Many missionaries feel that only one woman is entitled to be regarded as the wife, while the others are to be considered merely concubines who may be taken away and properly married to some other man without violating the divine order. On

some fields the converted polygamist is permitted to retain all his wives, but he is debarred from occupying any official position in the Christian church. In all lands the missionary church has a definite, uncompromising testimony against polygamy, and no believer is allowed to make a polygamist alliance after his admission to church fellowship under penalty of exclusion.

ADORNING THE DOCTRINE

What kind of Christians do African women make? For answer, read the brief stories of several who know the preciousness of Christ, chosen from among many similar cases mentioned in The Drum Call.

"In Nkolemvolan field women who con-

fessed Christ were beaten by their husbands and cast into the streets with the warning that this would be their constant treatment if they did not forsake their belief in Christ. But these women have proved their faith and loyalty through many years. As an example, take our friend, Moaman. Through patience and prayer she won her husband to Christ, although at first he tried her by various persecutions. When he died last September, leaving her with five children, her faith still held true. She carries on alone, her face shining with the light of inner faith and joy. Thus by her victory over old supersti-

tions and customs associated with death and widowhood she continues to witness before her townspeople of Him who is her Lord and Master.

"Another example shows how our women suffer for their faith. This particular woman is one of many wives of a man who used to be a Christian but has left the faith. It seems to irk him that this wife with whom he went into the church has remained faithful, and he tries to persecute her and cause her to sin. These who went out from us because they were not of us, are like the evil spirit which took to himself seven other more evil spirits, and the last state of these people is worse than their first, for they verily seem possessed of the Devil and do their utmost to make others fall. One Sunday this particular woman was ordered by her husband to crack palm nuts and prepare them for market. She refused, saying that if he had asked her on Saturday she would have done it, but that she would not work on Sunday. He began to beat her. Still she refused. Her Christian friends, passing on their way to church, stopped to see what was going on. As she related the story later to her missionary friend, she said that she was given strength to endure because these

kills you, die for the faith.' It must have been a bit gruesome, though she found it a source of strength. At length the husband evidently began to fear that she would die, so he left off beating her. He still takes delight in giving her the hardest work in the village, but he has never again told her to work on Sunday. She gamist is says, 'I am a slave, but I am content to s, but he suffer because I have a hope that cannot y official be taken away from me." a. In all as a def-

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MARSHAL FENG, THE "CHRISTIAN GENERAL"

friends had said to her, 'Hold out-if he

Writing in China's Millions, E. A. Sadler tells of a contact with the much publicized Chinese leader, revealing his consistent stand for the testimony of Christ:

"Marshal Feng arrived at Wanhsien on Christmas Eve, but because of his many military duties we thought there was little hope of our catching a glimpse of this famous man. We did not realize what a treat was in store for us.

"That evening a small group from our church went out on the street to sing carols at the homes of some of our leading Christians. In the small hours of Christmas they arrived in the vicinity of where the marshal was staying, and the leader of the group had a happy thought, 'Why not sing some carols outside the marshal's house?' They obtained permission from the military guards to enter the grounds and sang a few carols. Imagine their surprise and joy when they were informed that the marshal had arisen from his bed and would meet them in the guest room!

"He greeted them most kindly, and after inquiring which church they came from, prayed with them himself and promised to attend church that day. He came around during the morning service to explain that military duties prevented his staying. However, in the afternoon, a group of church leaders went to visit him. He received us most graciously and discovered that several of the pastors present were old friends of his, having known him in happier days before the war. Now they are refugees, having had to flee from their homes and churches. Among these was Rev. Marcus Cheng, one of China's leading Bible teachers. who at one time was chaplain-general in Feng's army. The marshal spoke of old times, inquired about their work, and finally presented us each with a memento of his visit. It was interesting and encouraging to hear him describe himself as a fellow believer. Before we parted we invited him to preach in our church on the morrow, and he agreed to do so.

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"Next day there were great preparations made on our compound for the crowds which we knew would come, for the marshal is universally admired. A squad of special military police guarded the doors of our premises and everyone entering was scrutinized. The church was packed, and the congregation overflowed into the courtyard. The marshal spoke for about half an hour and the people simply hung on his words. He



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the heart, if the individual and nation were to be saved. This kind of truth was to be found in the Bible, which he urged all his hearers to read, following the example of Generalissimo Cheng Kai-Shek who, he said, reads his Bible every day.

"After the meeting the marshal stayed to supper. The group included twelve pastors of churches, and we were a very happy party. Our distinguished guest sat at the head of the table and looked like a benign old father sitting with his family. He loves to meet little groups of Christians in such a way. Several leading questions were raised, and the marshal gave very helpful answers. When asked where Generalissimo Cheng stood in relation to Christ, he replied that the general's faith in Christ was strong, and that every year he was making progress. He added that the general was spiritually alive, meaning that he was not merely a nominal Christian. He mentioned that several men in the government were feeling out after Christ, and were reading the Bible. He himself, when at home, has a Chinese pastor visit him every morning for Bible study and prayer. It was thrilling indeed to hear these things and to have this famous man sit in our midst and humbly confess his faith in Christ. We feel there is great hope for China while such men are at the head of affairs."

A SICK JAPANESE SOLDIER SAVED

This incident is reported in the bulletin of the Central Japan Pioneer Mis-

"A week or so ago a messenger was sent to our leader, Mr. Funaki, from the Red Cross Hospital near here, asking him to come and see a sick soldier. He found that Mr. U., who had sent for him, had heard hymns being sung in the Bible School close to the hospital and felt that there he should be able to find the goal of his long quest. This Mr. U. has been a school teacher in Nagano Ken, and has a wife and four children. When he was conscripted to China he realized that he ought to be ready to face death, but as he thought of his past sinful life he was appalled at the prospect. He vowed to the Unknown God that if he ever returned to Japan alive he would live an entirely new life.

"One day, on the battlefield in China he picked up a torn book. On examination it proved to be part of a New Testament. He read it eagerly and constantly in his moments of leisure, but in the course of removal to the hospital it was lost. Later he was billeted in the home of

stressed the need for Christian truth in a Christian in Dairen. He was deeply impressed with the beauty of this man's life, and became more than ever convinced that in Christianity must lie the secret of the better life for which he longed. Hearing the singing in our hall he inquired where it was, and was told that it was a Christian church. At once he sent a message to ask the pastor to call and see him. It did not take Mr. Funaki long to lead this prepared soul to the Lord. He has now been removed to a hospital in his own province, and Mr. Funaki has been able to put him in touch with an evangelical pastor there who will continue to teach and help him."

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The Nazi order that after January 1, 1939, all Jews must adopt the name "Israel" as one of their first names, has disclosed the embarrassing fact that numbers of Germans tracing their pure "Arvan" descent back as far as the tenth century are surnamed "Israel"!

The Jewish population of Haifa is now estimated to be a majority in that city, 56,000 Jews as compared with 51,000 non-Jews. In 1914 the Jews formed 15 per cent of the population, but they now constitute 52 per cent.

According to Jewish sources, 315,000 Jews have become baptized Christians since 1900.

Recreation for Youth

(Continued from page 544)

So at the root of this matter is a major principle: What should I do as a Christian? There are various principles which proceed from that. We can legislate and build programs till we grow blue in the face, but all of that will prove unsatis-

It is well to talk about the dangers of some forms of recreation and the wisdom of laying down principles, but there is another aspect which is bound to follow such a procedure. I feel that the Church must first of all make its own position very clear. We should have it understood that we have a standard. Our first desire is to elevate Christ; the second, to build up church members. The matter is really up to the individual Christian to help shape public opinion by his attitude and activity.

Matters such as recreation and amusements should be discussed by the young people in their expression groups. All of this should be under the leadership and direction of a consecrated and sympathetic mature young person. I have seen forums given over to wild cries and threats against Puritanical forbears. When the session was over, no one was any wiser or more kindly disposed toward spiritual growth.

There is a splendid opportunity to develop a full and adequate social program for lively adolescents in connection with the young people's meetings and associations. Some young people's leaders think dancing and other forms of questionable amusements are necessary to draw young people. I went to a college where such things were "taboo," but I never saw a more sociable group of young people and yet spiritually deep.

They were and are full of life. I had more good times there than I ever had when I was a member of a large "broadminded" church where they had to have a dance every week, and every clique had its monthly card party, and such

activities. Incidentally, prayer was ab- | Our FREE CATALOG Saves sent from the life of these latter young people. I know of a church which has a weekly young people's night. Supper is served, a talk on current events is given by the pastor, then some games, followed by two periods with various classes in craftwork and studies such as Bible and Child Psychology. Such a program has great possibilities.

In conjunction with this there are various young people's conferences where wholesome recreation and fellowship may be found. If a church wants to keep young people occupied and growing, such an accomplishment is not difficult with a little study and preparation.

In the range of such a short article further elaboration is not possible. Only the surface has been touched. The field is rich in possibilities. The minister needs sympathy and conviction. The young person needs a personal acquaintance with Christ and good teaching in the implications of life lived at its fullest. The church needs a vision of all that can and ought to be accomplished fcr a host of adolescents who are drifting past its doors and out of its range of influence.

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A CHILD IN THE MIDST

Jesus did a significant thing when He called to Him a little child and set him in the midst of His disciples quarreling over precedence. He told them that unless they

had the spirit of that trusting, bashful little child, they would not even get into His kingdom, to say nothing of being prime minister in it. No other religion ever placed a little child at the summit of human attainment. No other religion ever so magnified the characteristics of childhood.

Someone has said that the death of a child is the saddest of all deaths, because we do not know how much the world has lost. No one can' even guess the possibilities which lay within that little brain and soul. Jesus seemed to put more value upon a child than upon an adult. He realized that to save a child was to save a whole life, while to save an adult was to save only a part of a life. It is vastly better to save a whole than a part. Jesus crowned childhood with an inestimable

value by declaring the immortality of every soul. He taught that a child is a new creation, the beginning of an eternal existence. What a significant thing it is when we dedicate a little child to God. Do we stop to recall, in such a moment, that in a million years that soul will be living and mounting higher and higher, or dropping lower and lower? And the solemn thing about it all is that it will bear the impress which we placed upon it. This makes the position of a parent or a teacher unutterably solemn.

Jesus emphasized the importance of childhood again when He said, "It were better for a man that a millstone were hanged about his neck and he were hurled into the sea, than that he should cause a little child to go morally astray." This places a value upon the spiritual nature of childhood of which the world has never conceived. God does not look lightly upon the crime of turning chil-

dren from the right way. To sow evil in the heart of a little child is a crime so great in the eyes of God that it is better for a man to be thrown into the sea and drowned rather than commit such evil. What a tremendous meaning this word of Jesus should carry to those who weaken a child's faith in God or in the Scriptures!—The United Presbyterian.

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Eighty per cent of the children now attending the Sunday Schools of America (some 10,000,000) are unconverted, and will never be converted until more stress is placed on child evangelism.

Eighty-five per cent of the children leave Sunday School before they reach the age of fifteen. Had the spiritual growth of our churches kept pace with the need, ways would have been found to make it impossible for this condition to exist. No adequate impact is being made on this tragic situation through our existing Christian agencies.

The proportion of unreached children becomes greater each year. God alone can meet this need. But God always works through His own people—those who believe His Word, those who trust alone in the shed blood of the only begotten Son of God. His people must know and face these facts. They should see that the responsibility is wholly theirs under God. They must be aroused.

Unless the children are reached while yet children, they face manhood and womanhood with no knowledge of God's Word. The prospect of their ever being saved is very remote. Unless we reach them in childhood most of them will be

eternally lost. If this generation of children grows to adulthood in this condition—and they will be men and women in a few years—the future of the nation and the Church is in jeopardy.—Svenska Standaret.

FATHER'S PLACE

The Bible constantly points out the father in the family as the one who leads the household in all things that pertain to God. What a sad declension that in so many nominally Christian homes the father has abdicated his privilege and responsibility, disinherited his children from their spiritual rights, and palmed off on his wife the religious duties! Many a heathen man standing before his family altar is a better example of fatherhood than some modern men, who belong to a dozen service

clubs, a bunch of lodges, and talk big about boys and girls and how they ought to be handled by Church and school, but who fail in their God-given duties and dodge their holy obligations.

The other partner in the family is the mother. When Paul was describing the horrors of heathenism in the decadent empire of his day, he came to the place in his narrative of degradation where he cried out, "Even their women." Womanhood is the last hope of humanity. The terrifying element in the modern turn which this wicked world is taking is the fact that our womanhood is breaking down.

The third element of the home is the child. The crowning grace of true child-hood is obedience. The Lord Jesus in His boyhood and youth "obeyed." The one absolutely essential element in juvenile education is obedience. No one who has not learned how to obey will

ever be able to command. The chief faculty in a commanding personality is the correct idea of obedience.—The Presbyterian.

WHY NOT?

At a class session in a church in a Chicago suburb, a fifth-grade pupil asked the instructor a question: "Why may we not have Bible study every day instead of just twice a week? We love it more than any other thing in our school program."

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That innocent but stirring question has been with me through many years. It seems to be the voice of America's childhood. Why not, indeed? This pupil was one of several hundred in the elementary grades of that community who were released from the public schools at certain hours on two days of the week to go to a church across the street for religious instruction at the hands of the church.

This program, familiarly known as week-day religious education, has been carried on in that community now for over twenty years. The churches of that village believed that to the traditional three "R's" of education another should be added—religion. They united in a request to the public school board to release certain grades from their regular schoolwork during school hours at which time those children, whose parents desired it, might go to the church of their choice, or to a community center set up by co-operating churches.

The school board saw no good reason why this might not be done, and ventured to set a new precedent in the coperation of Church and State in education. Not only have these pupils been privileged to have a greatly extended opportunity to study religion, but they also have been impressed through these years that the community believes in religion and is determined that it should have a prominent place in their education.—Frank M. McKibben, The Christian Advocate.

LORD, TEACH US TO TEACH

A prayer that should be in the heart of Sabbath School teacher and parent should be: "Lord, teach us to teach." A study of the Gospels reveals Jesus as the Master Teacher of all the ages. As Prof. Herman Harrell Horne says in his recently published volume, The Philosophy of Christian Education, the pedagogy of Jesus "has not been superseded by anything modern psychology has disclosed." It goes without saying, therefore, that we should familiarize ourselves thoroughly with the method and content of His teaching. However, something more than that is needed. It is not enough to be familiar with the example that He has set us. We need in addition thereto the guidance and empowering of His Spirit. This too may be ours if we open mind and heart so that He may come in and take possession. Thus having sat at His feet and learned of Him, we shall become the channels through whom shall shine "the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."-Christian Observer.

INTERDENOMINATIONALISM, THE TRUE AND THE FALSE

Baptists and other believers should keep clearly in mind that there is both a true and a false interdenominationalism. Our devotion to denominationalism is not the result of trusting it as a cure for all spiritual ills. Without spirituality denominationalism itself easily becomes a top-heavy ecclesiasticism in which the prestige and authority of men arrogate to themselves that which belongs only to God's Holy Spirit, whom Christ sent to dwell in the Church to direct it. We are denominationalists because we believe the body of believers with which we are identified best expresses in the

doctrines it holds the revealed gospel of Christ, and because denominational bodies in America have been used of God to witness to great revealed teachings of faith, while most interdenominational groups have sought (1) to belittle their faithful witness, (2) teach men that outward conformity is to be identified as Christian unity, and thus (3) to absorb all into a kind of "Protestant Papal Church." Interdenominationalism in America has for the most part been and now is the propaganda vehicle of a rationalistic syncretism that would build a great ecclesiasticism on the basis of a least-common-denominator faith. On the other hand, various denominations are



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DOES BOOZE BOOST BUSINESS?

A million dollars spent for furniture would employ 339 persons; spent for boots and shoes, 336 persons; for home furnishings, 191 persons. But a million dollars spent for booze gives employment to just 95 persons. Yes, booze put the nation back to work!—Christian Herald.

THE AUTOMOBILE AND TEMPERANCE

The automobile is becoming a strong temperance advocate. This brief summary of an address delivered a short time ago justifies the preceding sentence:

An evidence vivid and convincing of the increasing peril on highways from automobile drivers more or less intoxicated, was given before a state convention of prosecuting attorneys. The speaker emphasized the fact that during the year 1938 in one state, Indiana, 3,000 drivers' licenses had been revoked and

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over 2,200 were those of drunken drivers. This array of potential deathmakers is frightful. Their mad recklessness spares neither child nor woman nor the aged. This product of destroyers upon streets and highways is the certain result of the liquor business which itself never can be tolerated with safety for humankind.—The Presbyterian.

DRINKING WOMEN

Drinking by women is taking on a grave social aspect. Martin Nelson, secretary of the Keeley Institute of Dwight. Ill., where habitual drinkers go to be cured of the alcoholic habit, states that during the first eleven months of 1938, the number of women trying to rid themselves of the habit at his institution showed a gain of 90 per cent over the corresponding period in 1933. The men wanted bar rooms in which to drink and voted them in. Their wives and daughters followed them to these places. Mr. Nelson says that the problem of women drinking has become tragically serious. He believes that the increase of women seeking this cure is a clear index of the increase of drinking among women. He says that from 1935 through 1938, more patients, both men and women, were treated than at any other time in 30 years.-The United Presbyterian.

YOUNG MEN OFFERED COURSE ON TRAINING SHIP

The American Nautical Academy, National Training School for Merchant Marine Officers, Washington, D.C., announced today that boys and young men between the ages of eleven and twentyone years will be allowed to secure practical ship experience on board a training ship of the academy within the period from June 1 to October 1, 1939.

The young men may remain on board ship for the entire period, or for any shorter time they may wish, but not for less than a month. Students who enter for any period less than the full course will receive instruction only in those subjects being taught while the student is on board ship.

The purpose of the course is: First, as a foundation for those who wish to become officers in the merchant marine, and devote their lives to a career in the service; secondly, for those boys and young men who, though not desirous of following the sea, still wish to obtain a general knowledge of ships, and the life afloat.

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The Moody books were placed in 4,514 mountain schools of the South. Of the 147,000 children reached in this way, 38,934 earned rewards of Pocket Treasurys and Testaments for memorizing Scripture. One teacher writes: "Twenty of the children have signed their books of John, accepting Christ, and are very happy in their new lives. The children are anxious to help others."

More than 70,000 gospel messages were sent to the countries of Latin America in the Spanish and Portuguese languages, and missionaries report souls saved and the faith of believers strengthened as a result of their careful distribution. One writes from Brazil as follows: "We have been able to use God Is Love with great results. God has wonderfully blessed it to many, and we should be most grateful if you could let us have another 1,000 of them."

An effort is being made to place the Moody books in the hands of 7,000,000 negroes in the rural districts of the South, as one of the quickest ways to give them the gospel and save them from the inroads of religious cults. It is said that 300,000 negroes in America have turned to Mohammedanism.

The Colportage Association was founded by D. L. Moody in 1894.-Bulletin.

The Transforming Christ

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bandages still on his eyes, he is led to a mountaintop to see a sunrise. We can easily imagine his friends trying to tell him what it is like: the gravness of the morning, the quietness in nature, which can be seen as well as felt; the beginning of the appearance of color, the blend of tints, and then as the multicolored lights play on the sky just before the sun appears, they remove the bandage and the glory of it all bursts upon his own vision.

This is the way it is with what I have tried to say to you this afternoon. Into the awful blindness of sin, God the great surgeon comes to a Jerry McAuley and to many another, to take the scales from the eyes and to give sight to the soul and wholeness and health to the spirit. I have tried to lead you to where the sunrise may be seen. Oh, man, remove the bandages and look! There is glorious reality for your life. Shaded and hidden in the darkness of sin as it has been in the past, there is the sunrise of the presence of Christ for today and all the future, as by faith you receive Him!

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"SUCCESSFUL" METHOD

Due to report of successful revivals by Gipsy Smith, a certain preacher approached the noted evangelist to ascertain the secret of his success. He was asked to explain the best method to start a revival. The answer was: "Brother, go back home, lock yourself up in a private room. Take a piece of chalk and mark a circle on the floor, get down on your knees inside the circle, pray God to start a revival inside this circle. When this prayer is answered, the revival will be on."—C. A. Curry, in Western Recorder.

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THE TONGUE "A sharp tongue is the only edge-tool that grows sharper with constant use." -Washington Irving. "By examining the tongue of a patient, physicians find out the diseases of the body, and philosophers the diseases of the mind."-Justin. "The most ferocious monster in the world has his den just behind the teeth."-Author Unknown. "Give not thy tongue too great liberty, lest it take thee prisoner."—Quaries. "Never throw mud. You may miss your mark, but you must have dirty hands."-Joseph Parker. "When men speak ill of you, live so that nobody will believe them."-Author Unknown.

HOW TO FACE CHRIST

A man murdered another on the shores of Lake Michigan. He threw the body into the water and ran away. Three days later the body was washed up in front of the murderer's cabin. The guilty man, troubled by conscience, confessed his crime and surrendered himself to the authorities, exclaiming: "Ah, yes, I know the tides did it! The tides did it!" When the tides of memory, conscience, and reason begin to roll in on the judgment day every secret thing will be made manifest. The eyes of the Son of God will commend or condemn, according as you have acknowledged your sins here and trusted in Him as your personal Saviour, or refused to confess Him while you have clung to your sins. Surely reason urges you to trust Christ as your Redeemer and not to wait to face Him as your Judge.-Howard W. Ferrin, in Unto All.

"HANDPICKED" SOULS

General preaching has its place; but it is a preliminary only in this work; the harvest must be hand-picked.

A stationary fog-horn has its value on a reef, or a rocky shore, as a warning to those who approach the point of danger. We must not say that this mode of sounding an alarm has no value, but we cannot suppose that a fog-horn, however clear its sound or well worked its mechanism, can fill the place of a coast guard of trained life-savers, who are on the watch to put out with their wellmanned life-boat to save endangered single souls.—Charles G. Trumbull, in Taking Men Alive.

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PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

An exchange tells the story of a young woman who took part with great fervor in the responsive reading of a service taken largely from the imprecatory psalms. On the way home a friend who had accompanied her to church said. "Ruth, do you really want to see anybody go blind, and get the palsy, and lose his job, and die early? Is there anyone in this city in whose blood you would like to wash your feet?" "Mercy, no! Why do you ask such questions?" "You said it all, and you seemed to mean what you said." "Oh," was the relieved answer, "I didn't have my mind on the service at all; I was thinking of the examination I have to take tomorrow.'

Beware of drawing nigh to God with the lips while the heart is far from Him. —New Century Leader.

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THE FLOWERS CAME TOO LATE!

Brother L. O. Dawson, in his autobiography, tells of an interesting service with a church that had just buried its pastor. On the following Sunday a memorial was held in his honor. A large congregation overflowed the house. One speaker told of his worth as a preacher, another told of his tender ministrations as a pastor, others spoke of him as a citizen, some thought of him as a neighbor, or father, and so on to the end. When it came his turn to speak, Brother Dawson spoke as follows: "All you have said of my dead brother is true. He was a man out of the ordinary and gave of his remarkable powers to your service without stint or reserve. But if you had, while he was yet alive, filled these pews as you have today, he would not now be dead. Empty pews broke his heart, and he did not know of the love of which you have been speaking. He died for the lack of the things you have today so beautifully said and done."

More preachers die from broken hearts than from swelled heads!—The Clarion.

ADMIRATION

When Henry Ward Beecher expressed his admiration for a horse he was hiring, the liveryman responded enthusiastically, "He'll work any place you put him and will do all that any horse can do."

Beecher regarded the horse with greater appreciation than before and said wistfully, "I wish he were a member of my church!"

How we need workers like him!—Leo Polman.

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THE JOY OF THE LORD

A certain minister was to preach at a church in another town. His would-be host missed him at the station and on a venture he walked up to a stranger, standing on the platform, and said to him, "Excuse me, sir, but are you the minister?" "Oh, no! it's my indigestion that makes me look like this!"

That reminds us of the man who testified, "The Lord has preserved me all these years." - Someone in the audience who knew his sour and ugly disposition, loudly whispered, "Looks like He has pickled you!"

Christians should be sober and serious—but they should walk in the joy of the Lord. The joy of the Lord is infinitely greater than the insipid, momentary pleasures of the world.—Christian Victory Magazine.

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A little fellow was returning home from a store in Fife, Scotland, with a pail of honey in his hand. A gentleman who walked behind saw him slip one finger down into the pail and then, I suppose, because his mother had told him never to wipe his sticky fingers on his blouse or trousers, it found its only logical destination. My, how good it was! After he had done this several times, the gentleman approached him and said: "See here, Sonny, what have you in that pail?" "Some honey, sir." "Honey, is it sweet?" "Yes, sir." "How sweet is your honey?" "It is very sweet, sir." "Well, I do not understand you. I asked you how sweet your honey was and you have not yet told me. How sweet is it?" "Why, it is very, very sweet, sir." "Well, you are a funny little fellow. I asked you how sweet your honey is, and you just tell me it is very, very sweet. Now, can't you tell me really how sweet your honey is?" The little fellow was impatient by this time, so he stuck his finger down in the honey, and, holding it aloft, said: "Taste, and see for yourself!"

A somewhat crude illustration, but how true it is that only those who taste and see for themselves ever find how good the Lord is!—Howard W. Ferrin, in Unto All.

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- Grant Stroh -

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SALVATION AND GOOD WORKS A.L.C., Alturas, Calif.

Question: If one is saved, becomes a child of God, and later goes back into sin and dies without repenting, will that one be lost? In other words, do we hold on to our salvation by our good works?

Answer: Your question contains a contradiction, namely, that a saved person may also be potentially a lost person. This confusion of thought grows out of an unbiblical conception of the meaning of salvation. First of all, when one is saved he enters into a new life, called eternal life. This is not merely a new manner of living, but he enters into a new life stream, of which he is a part. This new experience, called a new birth. is miraculous due to an act of God, and called a new creation. As the apostle Paul states, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature" (II Cor. 5:17). This new creature, the result of a new creation, is due to an act of God. This new and second birth is spiritual, but none the less as real as physical birth. When a person is saved he is born of God. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name; which were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:12, 13). Because of this new birth (which is a necessity, John 3:3-8) we are made "partakers of the divine nature" (II Pet. 1:4), partakers of Christ (Heb. 3:4), partakers of the Holy Chost (Heb. 6:4). That is, by the new birth we partake of the nature of God, just as we are made partakers of the physical nature of our earthly parents by our physical birth. Nor can this spiritual nature and likeness to God be lost any more than can our physical nature and likeness. All other scriptures should be interpreted in the light of these facts.

Now a word concerning our good works. In the first place, they have nothing whatsoever to do with the matter of one's salvation, for this latter is miraculous and wholly the work of God. Good works have to do only with the saved one's reward, or lack of reward, for service or attainment in the Christian

THE CONTROLLING DESIRE J.R.R., Downers Grove, III.

Ouestion: Does Romans 14:14 mean that the Christian can do whatever he wants to do?

Answer: The verse appears to teach that a believer in that day was free to offered in sacrifice to idols; but in consideration of the fact that some one weak in the faith might be offended, see the decisions of Paul in verse 21. The fact is that the Christian should have no desire other than to please Jesus Christ and not himself in all matters.

BLASPHEMY AND TESTIMONY L.H.C., Elgin, Ill.

Questions: (1) Will you please explain the Scripture statement about blasphemy against the Holy Ghost? (2) I have not yet complete satisfaction of salvation, which I am striving for. I suppose it is because I have not completely surrendered to God. I believe that Christ died for me, but when I want to testify for Him I lose my tongue and cannot speak. I suppose Satan still hangs

Answers: (1) The Scripture states that every blasphemy against the Son of man will be forgiven. Indeed "all manner of sin and blasphemy" against Him are forgiven, but not blasphemy against the Holy Ghost (Matt. 12:22-32). As to the immediate application. Jesus had been accused of casting out demons by Beelzebub, but He plainly intimated that He did so by the Spirit of God (v. 28), adding that this was proof that "the kingdom of God is come unto you." Such being the case, these Pharisees were blaspheming against the Holy Spirit, hence would not be forgiven, and since the Holy Spirit came in person on the Day of Pentecost, is now indwelling the true body of Christ, glorifying Him as never before, this blasphemy against the Holy Ghost is less forgiveable than ever. (2) If you have experienced salvation, having believed on Christ as your personal Saviour (John 1:12, 13; 3:6; 5:24, etc.), it is your duty so to testify. Satan will do His best, of course, to prevent this. Do not imagine that you are required to make a speech. Do not attempt to do so. If necessary, simply stand upon your feet. You might say two words, possibly, "I believe."

CONVERSION OF PAUL W.L.G., Friar's Hill, W.Va.

Question: Was the apostle Paul converted on the Damascus road or not until Ananias came three days later and he received his sight?

Answer: On the Damascus road, for the Lord appeared and spoke to him. Paul there surrendered his will and asked, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Acknowledging Christ as Lord and surrendering one's own will to the will of the Lord are two indisputable evidences of conversion. The service that Ananias rendered to Paul was simply the restoration of his physical eyesight, for he probably had been blinded by the vision of the Lord, whose appearance was eat, or not to eat, meat that had been above the brightness of the noonday sun.

THREE PASSAGES IN THE REVELATION

D.H., Wichita, Kan.

Questions: (1) Is the angel of the bottomless pit, or abyss, in Revelation 9:11, Satan? (2) Who is the Beast of Revelation 17:8? (3) Is the key mentioned in Revelation 20:10 an actual key?

Answers: (1) Several months ago we said this angel was Satan. On further investigation we find that manuscripts differ, some having the definite article ("the" angel), in which case the reference would appear to be Satan (see 12:8. 9, 12). If no article be present, the angel signified would appear to be some important subordinate of Satan, who is the king of the strange locusts, or evil spirits in that form, by the name of Abaddon. or Apollyon. (2) This Beast appears to be head of the revived Roman empire. (3) The key here mentioned is not literal, but symbolical.

THE SAVING BAPTISM W.Y., Mineola, Tex.

Question: Is baptism essential for salvation? If not, kindly explain I Peter

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Answer: There are some who believe that water baptism is thus essential. but it is generally believed that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is the only essential baptism (I Cor. 12:13). The repentant thief on the cross, for example, was not baptized by water. This does not mean that every person thus baptized should not also submit himself to water baptism and thus publicly be identified with God's people, who are a separated people. As to I Peter 3:21, this is one of the really difficult passages. By the waters of the Flood the wicked were drowned. Only they were saved (eight in all) who were carried safely through the waters by reason of being in the ark Water of itself did not save Noah and his family, but the ark which was built by Noah's faith in the Word of God. Only in a "figure" was Noah saved through water and brought through it into a new age. Not that water baptism can put away the filth, or sin, of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God by one who has experienced the renewal of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which is symbolized "by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." That is, the baptism of the Holy Spirit renews us and we experience a spiritual resurrection, being made new creatures in Christ and raised together with Him because of our identification with Him (Rom. 6:3-6).

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THE JEWS NOT REJECTED E.S.D., LaJunta, Colo.

Question: Does Matthew 21:43 teach that the Jews are no longer God's chosen people?

Answer: To answer in the affirmative would be to deny all of the still unfulfilled prophecies concerning them. According to these prophecies, the Jews will vet be restored to their own land, from which they have been temporarily scattered among the nations until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled (Luke 21:24). The earthly kingdom of God has already nassed through various stages and phases, but we are still praying that it will come every time we repeat the prayer the Lord taught His disciples. Therefore, we must interpret Matthew 21:43 in the light of these facts. The visible kingdom of God is manifested at the present time only in Christendom, and even this appears to be crumbling; but there is still the invisible and continuing kingdom, composed of those who have been delivered from the power of darkness and translated (by the new birth) into the kingdom of the beloved Son (Col. 1:13).

GIVING PRIZES

E.K. DeWitt, Iowa

Ouestion: Is it gambling to give small prizes to winners of harmless games at a young people's party?

Answer: My impression is that in some of our states this practice is considered gambling. Whether this be so or not, is it difficult to provide games for all into which no element of chance enters? Young people usually enjoy games for their own sake and are satisfied merely to be winners apart from any prizes offered. Such prizes may be all right, but why do anything at such a gathering which may raise questions in the minds of some?

CRITICISM OF THE SCOFIELD BIBLE

O.A.B., Appleton, Wis.

Question: Dr. Wilbur M. Smith makes some criticisms of the Scofield Bible. I have found myself in complete consonance with practically all of these notes and would like to have your opinion.

Answer: Having never been a student of the Scofield Bible, I do not feel that I am in a position to pass judgment upon it. Dr. Smith is a careful student and I am inclined to defer to his judgment in the matter. I feel quite certain, however, that he would not lay claim to anything radically wrong in this estimable work. I also am of the opinion that even Dr. Scofield himself would not have pronounced his notes faultless and free from all errors of content or of judgment. It is the somewhat common experience of even the best Bible students that with further study of the Word new light bursts forth and new truths are discovered, sometimes even causing a reversal of former opinions. Only the Bible text itself is inspired, and the discovery of new truths in it is merely an added proof that it is from God and is by far book in all the world. Dr. Scofield has done wonders in enabling Bible readers to understand its contents better. With this I am certain Dr. Smith agrees.

THE BACKSLIDING OF MOSES A.E., Charlevoix, Mich.

Question: Was Mr. Moody correct in stating that the flattery of a woman caused Moses to backslide? (See clipping.) I cannot find anything in the Bible to confirm this.

Answer: Nor can I, but otherwise what Mr. Moody says is correct. The fact of Moses' sin is also recorded. It was this sin that kept him out of the promised land. He was permitted to see the land but not to enter it. The sin of Moses is stated in Numbers 20:8-12. Moses and Aaron were commanded by the Lord merely to speak to the rock, which then would pour forth abundance of water. Instead they took all the glory to themselves, first of all chiding the rebellious people, and then twice smiting the rock. For this sin God at once informed both Moses and Aaron that because of the double sin of unbelief in Him and of not glorifying Him before the congregation, they would not be permitted to lead the people into the land. Nearly forty years later, Moses was reminded of this incident and sin (Deut. 32:51).

RAISED OR RESURRECTED? J.B., Akron, Ohio

Questions: (1) Will Lazarus, the son of the widow of Nain, and the daughter of Jairus, all have to die again? How could they when it is said, "It is appointed unto men once to die"? (2) How about Enoch and Elijah, or the two witnesses of the Revelation 11? (3) Is not holiness required, since we read that without holiness no man shall see the Lord?

Answers: (1) Yes; because resum-

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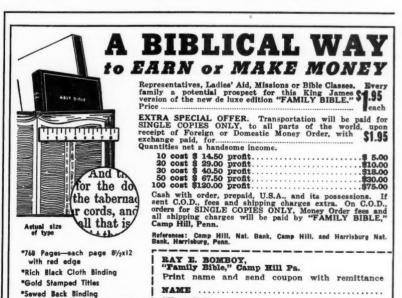
the best and only wholly dependable ing their natural bodies they all died the second time. They were exceptions to the general law because the great Lifegiver intervened in their behalf. (2) Even one death is not in itself always a necessity, since an entire generation of believers will be translated to meet the Lord in the air without experiencing death (I Thess. 4:16, 17; I Cor. 15:51, 52). (3) As to holiness, the writer of Hebrews states that because we are His sons, God chastens us in order that "we might be partakers of his holiness," i.e., become more like Him. Hebrews 12:14 states that "without holiness (sanctification, R.V.) no man shall see the Lord." The context makes sanctification here a thing to be exercised in relation to others. "Follow peace with all men and sanctification." The following two verses are in the same vein. Practical holy living is thus emphasized. No man lives sinlessly in thought, word, and deed. but such should be his aim, and such one day will be his attainment (II Cor. 3:18; I John 3:2).

JESUS PRAYED

C.G., East Pittsburgh, Pa.

Question: A question has been asked me: If Jesus was God, why did He pray to Himself?

Answer: Jesus was God, but also man. As man He had His temptations, joys, trials, and problems, just like the rest of us. Hence He felt the need of God whom He could thank and praise, or from whom He could receive help in time of need. Truly God He was, but also as truly was He man. As a man He prayed to God, sometimes addressing Him as God or simply as Father. Since there is "no jealousy in the Godhead," as an older minister once remarked, it made no difference which member of the Godhead He addressed; but we have no record that He ever prayed to Himself. Living among men as one of them, His needs were not distinguishable from their needs.



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- Harold L. Lundquist -

June 11

PAUL SOLVES CHURCH PROBLEMS I Corinthians 1:1-3, 10, 11; 4:14-21; I Thessalonians 5:12-15

Golden Text: Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ.—Philippians 1:27.

Victory over the destructive powers of sickness is achieved by an orderly attack of the problem. The doctor first makes a study of the condition of his patient, observing not only the outward symptoms, but the general condition of the body. He proceeds to isolate and identify the evil forces which are causing the disease, and then he is ready to apply his curative remedies and procedures.

The Church is sick today even as it was in Paul's day. We are in need of the sound advice and the effective example of "Doctor Paul" and therefore do well to apply to ourselves and to our churches the lesson of today. As we do this honestly we may find in ourselves that which is making our own church weak and ineffective. Let us apply the cure even though the process of healing may be a painful one.

I. The Condition.

What's wrong with the Church? The excerpts from the letters of Paul which make up our lesson reveal three fundamental difficulties which exist in essentially the same form today.

1. False Teachers (Gal. 3).

This passage is a part of our lesson although not included in the printed portion. It tells us of Paul's masterly dealing with false teachers. Erroneous teaching, and the substitution of the philosophies of men for the Word of God, are responsible for much of the trouble in the Church. It is decidedly not a matter of indifference what your pastor teaches, what your Sunday School lesson helps teach, and what your Sunday School teachers present to their classes.

2. Divisions (I Cor. 1:10).

Sometimes these occur over doctrine, sometimes over church procedure, but all too often over the most insignificant things. Frequently they center around personal likes and dislikes. Cliques and little closed groups have no place in the Church. Man-worship in place of the worship of God will also wreck a church.

3. Contentions (I Cor. 1:11).

For some unexplainable reason the people who love a fight seem to want to do their fighting in the Church.

II. The Cause.

The internal troubles of the Church cannot be blamed on its testimony or on its responsibility in the world, and certainly not on its Lord. The real cause of the Church's problems will be found in men and women who are not living as they should.

1. The Contentious (I Cor. 1:11).
These are the fighters.

2. The Puffed Up (I Cor. 4:18).

They have an exaggerated idea of their own importance.

3. The Disorderly (I Thess. 4:14). Unruly and erratic folk trouble the Church.

4. The Fainthearted (I Thess. 5:14,

Timid and uncertain individuals limit and hinder God's work.

5. The Weak (I Thess. 5:14).

They are feeble in spiritual insight and

III. The Cure.

Diagnosis and location of the cause of a disease is practically useless unless a course of treatment is carried out. Consider the steps in the treatment of the sickness of the Church and then apply the remedy.

1. Remember That It Is a "Church of God" (I Cor. 1:2).

2. Recall and Follow the True Teaching of God's Word (I Cor. 4:17).

Receive Grace and Peace from the Father and the Son (I Cor. 1:3).

4. Recognize Divinely Appointed Leaders (I Thess. 5:12-16).

5. Be Ashamed of Ungodly Misbehavior (I Cor. 4:14).

6. Deal Plainly with Sin and Disorder (I Cor. 4:21).

The knife of the surgeon may cause pain but it is often the way to healing.
7. Warn Those Who Are Unruly (I Thess. 5:14).

The word of spiritual admonition is too often lacking in the Church.

8. Comfort and Encourage the Fainthearted (I Thess. 5:14).

Unregenerate man has no patience with such folk, but God has. A note of encouragement needs to be stressed in these trying days.

9. Be Patient toward All Men (I Thess. 5:15).

If you feel that you must be impatient, be impatient with your own faults. Patience is a Christian virtue which has almost been lost in the dizzy high-pressure age in which we live. Let us cultivate it both in the church and in the hearts of believers.

The writer of these notes would be one of those who recognizes the failings of the Christian Church insofar as it has departed from the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ, but he would not be a preacher of discouragement and defeat. He believes that if God's people will humble themselves and return to the old ways which are the good ways, God is ready to meet the Church in blessing and

in revival which will restore it to its great place of usefulness and godly influence in the world. The Church as a whole can be revived only as the individuals who make it up experience a personal spiritual revival. Let us examine our own hearts as we study and teach this lesson rather than to glory in the faults of others. If we are faithful in applying the truth to ourselves, God will bless us as we seek to bring it to bear on the lives of others.

June 18 PAUL WRITES PERSONAL LETTERS

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II Timothy 1:1-6; Philemon 1-7, 21, 22

Golden Text: Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.—II Timothy 2:15.

Letters—what interest we all take in them! We go to town to get the mail, or we stop our work to go to the box at the roadside, or we quickly go to the door at the familiar signal of the postman. One can hardly look at a mail-bag without thinking of what it contains of joy and sorrow, love and hate, prosperity and adversity, checks and bills! What intriguing things letters are after all.

Too little thought is given to the possibilities that letters will bring encouragement, admonition, and instruction; that they may be a means of blessing in God's hand. Paul was a master letter-writer and the Holy Spirit through his hand has given us models of Christian epistles. He shows us what a good letter should contain.

In considering our lesson it is difficult to indicate specific verses, but the reader can readily identify the truth taken from the lesson under each division.

I. Remembrance.

Paul did not write letters which were impersonal and distant in spirit. The warmth of a loving heart, the refreshing recollection of past fellowship, a genuine interest in the joys and sorrows of his brethren put love into every sentence of his letters.

We need to learn the art of writing letters. Even so-called business communications may often carry a touch of encouragement or inspiration. Personal letters should certainly be a constant medium of keeping bright the flame of affection between parents and children, brothers and sisters, and Christian friends separated by distance.

Observe that the remembrance of Paul had to do with both personal and spiritual matters, and note how naturally and easily the two blend. There should be no need of being offensively "preachy" in writing letters. The personal and

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spiritual interests of our lives should be so close together that we normally and without effort can put them forth as one in spirit.

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Who has not had the unforgettable experience of receiving a letter just when its cheering word was needed. Many a man has been saved from despair and possible destruction by such "a word fitly spoken" which is "like apples of gold in pictures of silver" (Prov. 25:11). "A word spoken in due season, how good is. it!" (Prov. 15:23).

We enjoy receiving such letters-do we make an effort to write them to others? Or do we excuse ourselves by saying, "You know I am such a poor letter-writer!" when the fact is that we are probably lazy or indifferent to the needs of our friends?

Notice that Paul's inspiration and instruction to his friends revolved around two points-his constant prayers on their behalf and his faithful presentation of the teaching of God's Word. If we would follow his example we must first really pray and then study God's Word for ourselves before we shall be ready to pass it on to others.

III. Admonition.

Scolding has no place in a letter, but kindly admonition is quite in order. Paul improved every opportunity to urge his readers to personal piety, Christian fellowship, attendance upon the means of grace, prayer, and the study of God's Word. He also urged his young brother in the Lord's service to "stir up the gift of God" which was in him. The influence of the world, the pressure of work, or some burden of spirit might cause a man to bog down in the slough of despond or of mediocrity. A letter from a true Christian friend at such a time might well be the means in God's hand of renewing holy resolves and of stimulating renewed endeavor. Do you think of someone who is waiting for that kind of a letter from you?

IV. Co-operation.

Friendship and fellowship are not onesided. The very words demand the existence and interaction of two personal beings. "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly" (Prov. 18:24). Paul recognized this, and when he wrote to Philemon he gave him opportunity to respond in loving obedience to a request while at the same time he showed the highest degree of Christian consideration and courtesy toward Philemon. The epistle is a "masterpiece of persuasive tact and delicacy and an enduring model of truest Christian courtesy" (Ellicott).

No right thinking person is satisfied to be the constant recipient of the love and thoughtfulness of another with no opportunity to reciprocate. The smallest child or the humblest individual who must receive help wants to show his loving appreciation. A considerate friend will therefore open such an opportunity, not as a command or in a spirit of Central Baptist Church

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June 25

PAUL REVIEWS HIS LIFE

Philippians 1:12-14, 21-24; 3:12-14; II Timothy 4:7, 8

Golden Text: I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith .- II Timothy 4:7.

Self-examination may be a most profitable experience if carried out in the right spirit and for a good purpose. It may be very humbling to look at one's experiences and accomplishments in honest appraisal, but the very humility which is thus brought about may be the first step toward better things. If we examine ourselves only to condemn and discourage, the effort will be worse than useless, but if we do it before God with the earnest purpose of seeing how we can live better lives, it may prove to be a real means of blessing.

Paul, whose life we have been studying together for the last three months, made a review of his own life and experience in various places in his epistles. We cannot study them all, but in the brief portions before us we find that the apostle had laid hold of those certainties without which life is largely meaningless and useless. He had found victory over both himself and his circumstances. He was perfectly clear about his eternal destiny. He had a goal toward which his life was directed in earnest endeavor, and he had in view the reward which was to be his when he met his God.

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I. Living above Circumstances (Phil. 1:12-14).

Paul had been imprisoned for the gospel's sake. Did that stop him? No, for he made the very guards who were assigned to watch him at his house the objects of his ministry and they, in turn, became missionaries of the cross. He sought to win each one as he took his designated period of guard service, and then sent him out as a testimony to "the whole Praetorian guard and to all the rest" (v. 13, R.V.). What a consistent and glowing Christian life Paul must have lived day by day.

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15 (which follows our immediate portion of Scripture) that others, taking advantage of the fact that Paul was in prison, went out to preach just to show that they were as good as he, making their very preaching an expression of their envy of his popularity and hoping thus to heap more sorrow upon him. Paul showed his victory over his circumstances by thanking God for the fact that the gospel was preached even though it was done in a wrong spirit. How much we need such victory over the trying circumstances of life in our day.

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II. Facing Eternity with Joy (Phil. 1:21, 24).

To Paul, departure from this life would mean his entering into perfect fellowship with Christ and unlimited service for Him. He therefore had a strong desire to depart and to be with the Lord. He would not, however, turn away from his present privilege and duty. If it was God's will that he should abide in the flesh, he purposed that it should be literally true of him that to live is Christ. If that be true in a man's life, then it must necessarily follow that to die is gain. The reason men fear death is that in place of saying "to live is Christ." they say "to live is money," "position," "pleasure," or even "sin."

III. Pressing toward the Goal (Phil. 3:12-14).

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Scripture speaks frequently of the reward which shall come to the faithful Christian at the close of a life of holiness and service for Christ. It is no doubt commendable that Christians do not often speak of their reward, for it should be true of every servant of Christ that the love of Christ should constrain him. On the other hand, it is important that we keep before us the fact that at the end of the road there is recognition by "the Lord, the righteous Judge," and that we may properly look forward to the receiving of the crown of righteousness from His hand. The life of the Christian has glorious meaning from beginning to end, yes, and on through all eternity!

July 2 SOLOMON: A RULER WHO BEGAN WELL

I Kings 3:5-15

Golden Text: Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart . . . that I may discern between good and bad .-I Kings 3:9.

Success or failure in life is determined by the measure of a man's devotion to God and obedience to the will of God. We speak now of real success, not according to the ideas of the world. We are concerned with what a man is and what he does for God, not with what he may happen to possess.

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I. Wisdom Offered (v. 5).

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II. Wisdom Chosen (vv. 6-9).

The noble and intelligent choice of Solomon has been much admired and rightly so, for he chose the greatest gift that could come to any man, "an understanding heart." He might have asked for money or power, but with the lack of wisdom to use them properly they would have been a curse to him and to others. Long life is but a continued blight to a foolish man because it only extends the time of his folly. All things in the way of possessions must be outside of a man, therefore they may be lost or misused. But what he is and what he has in his heart, these are what make a man worth-while. Solomon showed the beginning of wisdom when he chose, above all things, an understanding heart.

III. Wisdom Granted (vv. 10-14).

There can be no higher word of commendation than to say that a man's choice "pleased the Lord" (v. 10). To have that attitude of mind and heart which expresses itself in words and actions so exactly in conformity to the will of God that the Almighty Himself is pleased, is to be ready for God's unlimited blessing. Solomon asked for wisdom and because he received that gift from God, he was ready to receive riches, honor, and power. We may by God's grace go the same way and take from His blessed hand numberless gifts.

Note the qualifying word "if" in verse 14. Solomon failed God in his later years as king. The tragic results are written for all to read. That way none of us should ever go. The lesson is plain-faith takes blessing from God; unbelief brings failure and sorrow. Let everyone that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. Yes, rather let him move forward to new victories day by day in the pathway of obedience to God.

IV. Wisdom Exercised (v. 15).

When Solomon awoke from his dream he showed his faith in God's promise and in fact demonstrated the wisdom which was now his possession by returning to his capital city, Jerusalem, to stand before the ark of the covenant in reverent worship. Then he led his people in a public service of confession and consecration, which was followed by a great religious feast which drew the king and "all his servants," the people of Israel, into a blessed unity before the Lord. This was a real recognition of God in the affairs of the nation which could only result in blessing.

One could wish and pray that all the rulers of the earth whether in democracies or under dictatorships might have the wisdom and humility of Solomon. The world is in utter confusion and really confesses that it does not know the way out of its difficulty. It has not yet turned to God. If rulers and people would fall upon their faces before Him in contrition and supplication, it would not be long before we would see both spiritual and material peace and prosperity.

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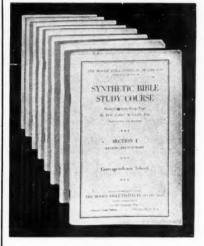
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I Samuel 2:18, 26; Psalm 148:12, 13; Proverbs 1:8; 3:1-3; 4:20-22; 15:20; Ecclesiastes 12:1; Mark 9:36, 37, 42; Luke 18:15-17; I Timothy 3:15.

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—J. E. Williamson.

SEVEN "SWEET PEAS"

- 1. Pardon (I John 1:9).
- 2. Protection (II Thes. 3:3)
- 3. Promises (Heb. 10:23).
- 4. Performing (II Cor. 1:18).
- 5. Purifying (I Thes. 5:23, 24).
- 6. Permitting (I Cor. 10:13).
- Preserving (I Cor. 1:8, 9).—J. Sidlow Baxter.

I AM A STEWARD

- 1. Of such talents as God has given me (Matt. 25:14-29).
- 2. Of God's law as it is revealed to me (Rom. 3:1-4).
- 3. Of the gospel which has been intrusted to me (I Cor. 4:1-5).
- 4. Of Christ's grace which is to be revealed through me (I Pet. 4:7-11).—T. M. Stevenson, in Christian Observer.

THE MESSAGE OF JEHOVAH Isaiah 42:1-4

- 1. His Sustenance—"whom I uphold" (v. 1).
- 2. His Satisfaction—"in whom my soul delighteth" (v. 1).
- 3. His Spirit—"I have put my Spirit upon him" (v. 1).
- upon him" (v. 1).
 4. His Scope—"He shall bring forth
- judgment to the Gentiles" (v. 1).
 5. His Silence—"He shall not cry, nor lift up" (v. 2).
- 6. His Sympathy—"A bruised reed shall he not break" (v. 3).
- 7. His Supremacy—"He shall not fail . . . till he have set judgment in the earth" (v. 4).—Fred Kendal.

"ONE THINGS" OF THE BIBLE

- 1. One thing befalleth all (Eccles. 3:19).
- 2. One thing thou lackest (Mark 10:21).
- 3. One thing needful (Luke 10:42).
- 4. One thing I know (John 9:25).
- 5. One thing have I desired (Ps. 27:4).
- 6. One thing I do (Phil. 3:13, 14).
- 7. One thing sure (II Pet. 3:8).--G. S. Bowes.

THE THRICE-RAISED CHRIST

- 1. Raised for our sins (Rom. 4:25; John 12:32).
- Raised for our justification (Rom. 4:25).
- 3. Raised for our glory (Heb. 9:24; Phil. 2:9).

Raised up on a cross. Raised from the grave. Raised to the right hand of God.

He who was raised for us Ought to be praised by us And proclaimed abroad through us.

-R. H. Burrows.

THE MAN IN THE GLORY— SITTING ON THE THRONE

Hebrews 10:12

- I. The TRUTH that our Lord "sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty" is—
- 1. Typically prefigured (Gen. 41 38-44).
- Prophetically announced (Ps. 110:
- 3. Historically proclaimed (Mark 16: 19).
- Doctrinally expounded (Heb. 1:3, 13; 10:12).
- Practically applied (Eph. 1:19, 20;
 Col. 3:1, 2; Heb. 12:1, 2; Rev. 3:21).

II. The SIGNIFICANCE of our Lord's sitting at God's right hand—

- A finished work has earned the seat of rest.
- a. A better servant (Heb. 3:5, 6).
- b. A better sacrifice (Heb. 10:4-14).
- c. A better sanctuary (Heb. 9:24).
- A voluntary humiliation has merited the seat of power.
- ed the seat of power.

 a. The basis of the exaltation (Phil.
- 2:5-11).b. The extent of the exaltation (Eph. 1:20-22).
- c. The hope of the exaltation (I Cor. 15:24-28).
- A glorious triumph has won the seat of expectancy. The "very good" of creation will be matched by the "very good" of redemption. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."—J. C. Macaulay.

SEVEN KINDS OF PEOPLE

in Daniel 11:32

- 1. "But"—the objectors.
- "The people"—the onlookers.
 "The people that do"—the workers.
- 4. "The people that do know"—the thinkers.
- 5. "The people that do know their God"—the possessors.
 - 6. "Shall be strong"—the deliverers.
- "And do exploits"—the conquerors.
 Ellery Gilbert Aldridge.

CHILDREN'S DAY: AN OPPORTUNITY

A noble Roman mother, as she presented her children to her guest, exclaimed: "There are my jewels." How well it was said, for nothing is so costly or precious as the life of a child intrusted to parents.

Look at the face of one such jewel in its innocence, before sin-stains have marred its substance! No wonder the Master, on that first memorable Children's Day across the Jordan, said: "Suffer the children to come unto me," and later on, "Except ye be converted, and become as a little child."

The Church has learned, and is learning, to say of the children, "These are my jewels." Jewels that are precious, for immortal souls are in the balance. Jewels that are costly, for the destiny of life depends upon how it is influenced and trained "in the way it should go." Jewels that are costly and beautiful, for at every angle the rare freshness and purity of the unfolding life emits fragrance.

Back in the home, before the Sunday School or the church gets an opportunity, the religious training of a child begins. "The mother's knee, the mother's face, the mother's love, are the A, B, C of every child's religious training." The children of today will be the pillars of God's Church and the workers in His vineyard tomorrow. We are building for the future strength and character of Christian manhood and womanhood when we lay the foundation of God's truth and love deep and well in a child's heart, to be watered and cared for by the Master's own hand as He walks in His garden below.

After the children are brought under the instruction of the Sunday School there must be definite aims co-operating with those of the home to lead that child to Jesus. There is no more fitting day than Children's Day; when, after careful, previous training, the child has been prepared to take this step, aided now by the special efforts put forth in song and speech. Let the latter be in such simple language as to be understood by the child mind.—A. E. Haas, in *The Evangelical*.

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IN ALL THESE THINGS

Romans 8: 37

God's promise is not freedom From trials in the race: But power to transcend them Through His sufficing grace.

Not rest instead of labor, But in the labor rest; Not calm instead of tempest. But calm when sore distressed.

Not light instead of darkness, Not joy instead of grief; But brightness in the midnight. And in the woe relief.

Not gain instead of losses, Not ease instead of pain; But balm upon the anguish, And losses bringing gain.

Not strength instead of weakness, Not smile instead of tears: Not peace instead of conflict. Not song instead of fears;

But weakness filled with power, And tears with radiance spread, And peace amid the battle, And song e'er fears are fled.

-Norman F. Douty.

SOME "NOTS" IN SCRIPTURE

- 1. Not of yourselves (Eph. 2:8).
- 2. Not by works of righteousness (Titus 3:5).
- 3. Not one that doeth good (Rom. 3:12).
- 4. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord (Matt. 7:21).
- 5. Not by might, nor by power (Zech. 4:6).—Ellery Gilbert Aldridge.

SEVEN MISTAKES OF LIFE

The delusion that individual advancement is made by crushing others down.

The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected.

Insisting that a thing is impossible because we ourselves cannot accomplish it.

Refusing to set aside trivial preferences in order that important things may be accomplished.

Neglecting development and refine-ment of the mind by not acquiring the habit of reading.

Attempting to compel other persons to believe and live as we do.

The failure to establish the habit of saving money.-Seamen's Log.

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AN OBSTACLE

I was climbing up the mountain path With many things to do, Important business of my own And other people's too. When I ran against a Prejudice

That quite cut off the view.

My work was such as could not wait, My pathway clearly showed, My strength and time were limited, I carried quite a load-And there that hulking Prejudice Sat all across the road!

So I spoke to him politely-For he was huge and high-Suggesting that he move a bit And let me travel by. He smiled; but as for moving, He didn't even try.

Then I reasoned very quietly With that colossal mule: No other road-my time was short-The mountain winds were cool. I argued like a Solomon-He sat there like a fool.

And then I begged him on my knees; I might be kneeling still. If so I hoped to move that mass Of obdurate ill-will! As well invite the monument To vacate Bunker Hill.

So I sat before him helpless In an ecstasy of woe; The evening mists were rising fast, The sun was sinking slow; When a sudden inspiration came. As sudden winds do blow.

I took my hat, I took my stick, My load I settled fair, approached that awful incubus With an absent-minded air. And I walked directly through him, As if he were not there!

-C. P. Stetson.

AN EARLY MORNING MEDITATION

1. Let brotherly love continue-to all saints (Heb. 13:1).

2. Let your light so shine-to all people (Matt. 5:16).

3. Let the word of Christ dwell-communion (Col. 3:16).

4. Let not your heart be troubledcomfort (John 14:1).

5. Let us exalt His name togethertellowship (Ps. 34:3).

6. Let us draw near-worship (Heb. 10:22).

7. Let us go forth unto Him-discipleship (Heb. 13:13).

8. Let us offer the sacrifice of praise -thanksgiving (Heb. 13:15).

9. Let us have grace to serve-service (Heb. 12:28).

10. Let us therefore come boldlyprayer (Heb. 4:16).

11. Let us go on unto perfection-concentration (Heb. 6:1).

12. Let the peace of God rule-arbitration (Col. 3:15) .- The Believer's Mag-

LIVING IN THESE DAYS II Timothy 3:1-4:22

We must he:

1. Wise unto Salvation (3:13-17).

2. Willing unto Separation (3:1-12).

3. Watchful unto Service (4:1-8). 4. Walking in Self-Denial (4:9-22).

-M. Claude Durnam.

SOME TWOFOLD EXPRESSIONS

The grace of God (I Cor. 15:10). The God of all grace (I Pet. 5:10). The righteousness of God (Rom. 3:22). O God of my righteousness (Ps. 4:1). The peace of God (Phil. 4:7). The God of peace (Phil. 4:9). The salvation of God (Luke 3:6). The God of salvation (Ps. 68:20). The truth of God (Rom. 1:25). A God of truth (Deut. 32:4). The judgment of God (Rom. 2:2). The God of judgment (Mal. 2:17). The glory of God (Ps. 19:1). The God of glory (Acts 7:2). The glory of the Lord (Isa. 40:5). The Lord of glory (I Cor. 2:8).

The God of Israel (II Sam. 23:3). The Israel of God (Gal. 6:16) .- The Student of Scripture.

FAITH AND UNBELIEF

Some unknown writer states there are three kinds of people in the world, the wills, the won'ts and the can'ts. The first accomplish everything; the second oppose everything; the third fail in everything. Having worked out on the anvil of an unusually trying kind of life the supreme joys and excellence of faith, the heroic John Bunyan had the following to say by way of a contrast between faith and unbelief.

Faith believes the Word of God; unbelief questions the same.

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Faith sees more in a promise of God to help than in all other things to hinder; unbelief, notwithstanding all of God's promises, says, "How can these things be?"

Faith will help the soul to wait, though God defers to give; unbelief will throw up all, if God makes any tarry.

Faith will give comfort in the midst of fear; unbelief causes fears in the midst of comfort.

Faith makes the greatest burdens light; unbelief makes light ones unbearable and intolerably heavy.

Faith brings us near to God; unbelief puts us from God, when we are near to Him.

Faith puts a man under grace; unbelief holds him under wrath.

Faith makes our work acceptable to God through Christ; but whatsoever is of unbelief is sin, for without faith it is impossible to please Him.

Faith gives us peace and comfort in our souls; unbelief works trouble and tossing, like the restless waves of the sea.

By faith we have our life in Christ's fulness, but by unbelief we starve and pine away.

So, let us have faith in God.

-Wesleyan Methodist.

Evangelistic *and*Bible Conference Fields

Ernest D. Christie

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This department is intended for news in concise reports of revival meetings, soul-winning campaigns and a record of evangelistic and Bible conference work in general. We do not invite statements eulor gizing the leaders or participants in these lines of work nor can we promise to print them.—Editors.

L. James Kindig, well known evangelist, has been appointed manager of the grounds of the Cedar Lake Conference

Association at Cedar Lake, Ind. Mr. Kindig is ably assisted by Mrs. Kindig. Cedar Lake Conference is nationally known for its sound biblical program, and this year promises to be exceptionally fine. The Kindigs had two gracious meetings in April. The first two weeks were in the Manlius, Ill., Baptist Church, of which B. F. Butler is pastor; and the last two weeks were in the South Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., Wm. S. Ross, pastor

The Canadian Keswick Conference under the direction of Dr. R. V. Bingham enters its sixteenth season this year. The conference convenes June 24 and continues until Sept. 16 on its extensive grounds at Ferndale, Muskoka, on Lake Roseau. Speakers from both sides of the Atlantic will minister, as well as missionaries from many lands. A large pavilion has been erected adjacent to the hotel, where many of the informal gatherings will be held.

Recreational facilities are exceptionally fine. Further information may be obtained by addressing conference headquarters at 366 Bay Street, Toronto, Capada

Since the first of January the Tebo Gospel Party has held campaigns in New York and Pennsylvania. In their campaign in Norfolk, N.Y., a Bible class of 35 women taught by Mrs. Lewis Mc-Connell was organized, as well as a men's prayer group, which has been going to various churches witnessing for Christ. In Dexter, N.Y., a large number of elderly men and women came forward to accept Christ.

A three day meeting conducted by Christopher J. Balf (Lucky Baldwin), chaplain of Bridewell Prison, Chicago, is reported by Aubrey P. White, pastor of First Baptist Church, Freeport, Ill. Mr. Balf went to the Freeport church as speaker for the men's banquet. He gave heartbreaking stories of the wages of sin out of his experiences at the prison. In the evening sessions and several children's and young people's meetings many were saved. At the closing service on

Sunday evening amplifiers were used and every available assembly place was utilized. Mr. White states that the services will be a lasting blessing to the church.

Protestant churches and missionaries welcomed the services of H. P. Dunlap as he toured Mexico in evangelistic effort during the past five months. Scores of converts resulted as crowds listened to the gospel message.

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SAIAH. I-IB.—Come now, and let us reason logether, saith the LORD though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as while as snow, though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

In 1938 Maurice Davis drove 25,000 miles in evangelistic work

reports a fine program of nationally known speakers for the conference from July 31 to August 13. Mission Grove, located on Medicine Lake near Minneapolis, Minn., is situated in a beautiful woodland, offering excellent recreational features. There is a new tabernacle this year, and ample accommodations for guests. The association headquarters are at 810 S. 7th Street, Minneapolis, Minn.

Two complete services were held to accommodate the crowds that attended the closing Sunday evening service of the Elden Farrar Co-operative Campaign in the Baptist Church, Centerville, N.D., John Jenson, pastor. Following this series, a meeting was conducted in the Baptist Church, Pipestone, Minn., L. J. Patterson, pastor. In one service there were 35 conversions. Lives were surrendered for full-time service. The entire congregation was on its knees in prayer. Mr. and Mrs. Farrar were assisted by Helen Griggs, the party's Hammond organist.

Methodist churches in Pennsylvania and Indiana have been using E. P. White in evangelistic effort during recent months. The evangelist has witnessed the outpouring of God's blessing as souls were born into the kingdom. Many were also won by laymen who called in the homes to give the gospel message and pray with the people.

Harry Beckman has been busy in the Lord's work in Indiana and Kentucky. He writes that a wonderful blessing was experienced in Stone, Ky., where coal miners were on a strike. Since the men were not working, three services a day

were held. "One thing singular," writes Mr. Beckman, "many people wanted to see us personally after the service or in their homes, and there surrender to Christ."

The Christian Business Men's Committee of Chicago will hold its Seventh Annual Conference on Practical Evangelism at Cedar Lake, Ind., August 6-13. This group of aggressive business men, who for more than eight years have been conducting noonday services in Chicago's Loop, early in their history were led to provide an opportunity for believers to come together to study the "how" and "why" of scriptural evangelism and personal soul-winning. The large attendance from year to year, accompanied by a harvest of decisions for life dedication and complete surrender, as well as many souls saved, attest the blessing of God upon this unique and fruitful annual concourse of believers. The principal speaker for this

year's conference will be Dr. John R. Rice, pastor-evangelist of the Baptist Tabernacle, Dallas, Tex., supported by various groups of active soul-winners, and the musical talents of L. J. and Mrs. Zorn. Dr. Rice will be welcomed to Cedar Lake by those who, having heard his voice over the radio, will want to see this charming preacher from the Southland

The revival in the Northside Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., conducted by T. C. Crume, closed with 70 additions to the church and a number of other conversions. Dr. R. W. Silman is pastor. Dr. Crume next went to Prescott Memorial Church, Memphis, Tenn., where J. Carl McCoy is pastor. Floyd Montgomery is assisting Dr. Crume as music director. Thirty Baptist churches co-operated in a simultaneous campaign in Memphis.

The City Rescue Mission, South Bend, Ind., held a one week meeting with Dr. M. E. Hawkins as speaker. The services began on Palm Sunday and closed Easter night, with more than 37 decisions for Christ. In the afternoons Dr. Hawkins

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On April 9, O. W. and Mrs. Stucky closed an engagement with the First Baptist Church, Florence, N.J., R. L. Mathews, pastor. There were 31 who accepted Christ. The children showed a definite interest in the meetings, and 80 boys and girls took part in a program the last Friday evening service. The Bible reading created great interest and more than eleven thousand chapters were reported read. Since the meeting conducted in this church last year, the Bible reading has been reported each week and eighty thousand chapters have been read during the year.

Russell E. Kaufman reports a Spiritled revival at the Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio, where Lloyd S. Snell is pastor. There were 37 public confessions of Christ during the two weeks. This church is known in the community as "The Young People's Church." Souls are saved at almost every regular service. In Ashland, Ohio, a great blessing was experienced in the United Brethren Church. Many young people dedicated their lives to the Lord for life service.

A revival service in the Christian Church, Oxford, Kan., is reported, in which the paster, Paul A. Gross, preached, and W. D. Nichols, of Wichita. Kan., led the singing, assisted by his wife, who is a chalk artist. Large crowds were in attendance each night and personal work was done by both the pastor and the singer. Visible results were 29 added to the membership of the church and 21 conversions. Many people attended this meeting who had not been in a church for years. The pastor has never seen a meeting that has done as much for the other churches in the community as this one, as shown by the results on Easter Sunday in the Methodist and Baptist churches.

"We are indebted to the Monthly for the privilege of becoming acquainted with Robert J. Kees," writes R. W. Tenny, of Okemos, Mich. Mr. Kees was called by the two churches of Okemos for revival services, as a result of which a number of adults and young people accepted the Lord as personal Saviour. Special meetings were conducted each afternoon for young people, during which they were instructed in all phases of leadership in Christian service. Mr. Kees also led the singing, using piano accordion and marimba. As the meeting closed, the congregations and pastors felt enriched in their Christian fellowship and a stronger bond of friendship. Reported by R. W. Tenny, Okemos, Mich.

A. E. and Mrs. Hesketh terminated a four months' engagement with the Cross Tabernacle, Huntington, W.Va., having been acting pastor pending the calling of a new director. Since returning to their work they have held meetings in the Evangelical Congregational Church, Canton, Ohio, and the First Baptist Church, Beckley, W. Va. A gratifying response came to the gospel invitations.

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Especially productive of results were the meetings for children, many of whom accepted Christ as Saviour.

The tabernacle and other churches of Portland, Ind., co-operated in the pre-Easter meeting conducted by Sylvester Sanford in the United Brethren Church. of which J. H. Nall is pastor. There were 26 of the Sunday School who gave their hearts to Jesus, and 11 adults prayed through to victory. The evangelist spoke at the Kiwanis and Lions Clubs, and took part in the Good Friday union

The largest class received into the fellowship of the First Presbyterian Church, Roswell, N.M., during the fourteen years' ministry of Le Roy Thompson, was the result of Guy W. Green's meeting in March, Mr. Green's Bible memory recitals, during the day services, at-tracted so much interest that it was necessary to move from the chapel, where they began, into the main auditorium of the church. Mr. Green also spoke at the senior and junior high schools and to many civic organizations. In Sanderson. Tex., Mr. Green conducted a series in the First Presbyterian Church with fine results.

There were many reconsecrations and conversions in Edward VanderJagt's meeting in Eureka, Ill. The campaign developed into a union effort, in which the Methodist, Presbyterian, Mennonite, and Christian churches co-operated. The services were so well attended that it was necessary to move to the largest church in town to accommodate the crowds. It is stated that four times as many people attended as are members of the churches. From March 27 to April 9 the VanderJagt party was at the First United Brethren Church, Frankfort, Ind., H. W. White, pastor. The Word preached was accompanied by great blessing. There were 35 professed conversions, many of whom united with the church. In a revival in the Baptist Church, Inkster, Mich., of which L. C. Tucker is pastor, 31 professed conver-

Hyman Appelman reports an outpouring of God's Spirit in the two weeks revival with the Main Street Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., which resulted in 346 additions to the church, of which Thomas Hansen is pastor.

April 2-16 John Carrara held a meeting at the First Baptist Church, Janesville, Ohio, of which Ralph Zundel is pastor. Souls were saved and more than 100 rededicated their lives to Christ. Amplifiers were used to care for overflow crowds. During the latter half of the month Mr. Carrara preached in the Gospel Tabernacle, Toledo, Ohio, where Dr. Louis Zeimer is pastor. One Sunday afternoon the evangelist broadcast from the pulpit over station WSPD. The Glee Club of more than 100 voices and the Tabernacle Band of 35 pieces co-oper-

A letter from J. W. Troy tells of a blessed revival with Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, W.Va., of which Dr. Charles H. Harrington is pastor. Many souls were saved and Christians reSEVENTH ANNUAL

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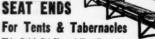
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Dr. Henry Ostrom was speaker at a union meeting held in the Salem United Presbyterian Church and the Greenwich United Presbyterian Church, of Greenwich, N.Y. The Young People's Christian Union and the Presbyterial Bible School sponsoring the meetings were encouraged by the interest shown. Several pastors of the city and neighboring towns were in constant attendance.

Dr. Max I. Reich held a series of meetings in the Ganson Street Baptist Church, Jackson, Michigan, Howard F. Sugden, pastor.

Spending several weeks in Texas, Evangelist W. W. Shannon has held evangelistic campaigns in the First Cumberland Church of Olney, L. E. Mathews, pastor, and the First Presbyterian Church of Marshall, Charles A. Nash, pastor. Both the number of conversions and the attendance in each campaign were cause for great thankfulness to God for His blessing upon the meetings.

The Sunshine Gospel Trio were engaged by the Lincoln Park Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich., D. W. Riley, pastor, from March 27 to April 9. There were forty-two professed conversions. During the latter part of the month they appeared in various churches in New York City and northern New Jersey.

Jock Troup spent several days in the Philpott Tabernacle, Hamilton, Ontario, April 3-7, Dr. Donald MacKay, pastor. There were nine who professed conversion. After speaking at the Easter Sunrise Service, Chicago, Mr. Troup started for Grand Rapids, Mich., where he began a two weeks' campaign in the City Mission, Mel Trotter, superintendent. There were thirty-five professed conversions.

Dr. Will H. Houghton, accompanied by T. J. Bittikofer and the Moody Men's octet, with Beverley Shea as soloist and Herman Voss as pianist, had a very successful tour, appearing in Detroit, Pontiac, and Lansing, Mich.; Cleveland, Ohio; Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Bethlehem, Philadelphia, Allentown, Scranton, Sayre, Bradford, and Erie, Pa.; Baltimore, Md.; Washington, D.C.; Lynbrook, L.I., Yonkers, Brooklyn, Buffalo, and Elmira, N.Y.; Montclair, Hackensack, and Paterson, N.J.; Bridgeport, Conn.

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Harry Beckman—May 22-June 4, Elsie, Mich.; June 18-30, Murray, Ky.
Gerald E. Bonney, "The Bonney Workers"—June 4-19, Bonham, Tex.; June 20-July 3, Prescott, Ark.; July 4-16, Carrollton, Tex.; July 30-Aug. 13, Calvin, Okla.; Oct. 8-29, Mt. Vernon, Ill.
John Carrara—June 4-19, Toronto, Can.; June 25-July 9, Flint, Mich.; July 23-28, Rumney, N.H.; July 30-Aug. 11, Elkhart, Ind.; Aug. 13-Sept. 4, Shelby, Ohio; Sept. 10-Oct. 1, Winterset, Iowa; Oct. 8-29, Adrian, Mich.; Nov. 5-24, Waverley, Iowa; Nov. 26-Dec. 10, Kalamazoo, Mich.
Elden R. Farrar—June, South St. Paul, Minn.; July, Bemidij, Minn.; August, Finebrook, Pa.
Carl C. Harwood—May 28-June 4, Princeton, Ind.; June 7-18, Mt. Carnel, Ill.; June 25-July 2, Slippery Rock, Pa.; July 23-Aug. 13, Snohomish, Wash., and Flagstaff, Ariz.; Aug. 20-Sept. 3, Sacramento, Calif. Raymond O. Nelson—May 21-June 4, Augusta, Ga.; June 6-25, Rixford, Pa.; July, Stoutsville, Ohio; August, Chautauqua Lake, N.Y.
L. C. Robie—July 9, Port Huron, Mich.
B. M. and Mrs. Rollins—May 29-June 11, Greenville, Pa.; June 12-25, Sabula, Pa.; June 26-July 9, Rockton, Pa.; July 1-16, Mapleton Depot, Pa.; July 23-Aug. 6, Hillsdale, Pa.; Aug. 9-27, Leonard, Mo.; Aug. 29-Sept. 10, Okaw, Ill.; Sept. 11-24, Wabsh, Ind.; Sept. 26-Oct. 8, Rice Lake, Wis.; Oct. 10-21, Dupont, Ohio; Oct. 23-Nov. 5, Muncie, Ind.; Nov. 7-19, Windber, Pa.; Nov. 20-Dec. 3, Greenville, Ohio; Dec. 4-17, Ashland, Ohio.
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Central New York Bible Conferences (Homer, N.Y.): Young Peoples Conference: July 28-Aug. 4; General Bible Conference, Aug. 6-20.

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By WILL H. HOUGHTON, D.D.

Reviewed by Wilbur M. Smith, D.D.

The title of this book is an invitation, scientist saying today that naturalists an invitation that in its very wording gives the impression of urgency, and implies that our advance has not been crowned with success, that we have missed our way, and must go back to that from which we have departed. The invitation is not extended to true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, for they are living, more or less, in a biblical environment, but to America as a nation, and to the millions of our people, the majority of our nation, we fear, who have departed from the law of the Lord. These sixteen messages were first delivered on successive Sunday afternoons over a network of stations which covered more than half of our entire country, and were, according to computations made by unprejudiced radio experts, listened to each week by probably between five and six hundred thousand people.

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should go back to Darwin? We go back to the Bible because it is the Word of God, and turning our minds and hearts to a true, sincere study and consideration of this precious volume is to turn back to God Himself.

The man who writes a book with a title like this, should, if he is to have the ear of America, know two things-he must know America and her needs, and he must know how and why the Bible can meet these needs. Dr. Houghton easily qualifies. His years of experience as pastor of two of the largest Protestant churches in our country; his own wide acquaintance with men of affairs; his extensive travels; his presidency of one of the greatest Christian institutions in the world; and his keen ability for judging men and situations which confront men, give him an unusually full understanding of America's present condition. knowledge of the Word of God, and the abundant fruitfulness of his own ministry of the Word, wherein hundreds of men and women have been transformed by the power of the Word, qualify him as one who can speak with authority on such a subject as "Let's Go Back to the Bible."

If the title of the book is pregnant with meaning, the titles of the chapters are themselves inviting, such as, "The Bread of the Bible," "The Profit of the Bible," "The Bible and Other Books,"
"God in His Word," "The Bible and Revival," "The Bible and the Individual." (The chapter which the reviewer himself enjoyed most of all is the one on "Human Pride and God's Word.")

Five virtues stand out as one carefully turns these pages, following the author from point to point: the style is naïvely simple, so that any person of ordinary intelligence can at once grasp the meaning of any sentence; there is a delightful freshness about the author's approach to and discussion of the problems here touched upon; almost every page is a revelation of the author's wide and wise reading (fifty-six different authors. ancient and modern, are actually quoted. in addition to a number of others simply referred to): the entire volume breathes. as it were, Dr. Houghton's great passion for the souls of men. Finally, these messages throb with life-they reveal a living Word, a living Christ, and the fullness of life men may have by believing in the Christ of whom this Word con-tinually speaks. To quote the author himself, "The world is interested in improving man's environment; the Bible is interested in improving the man! Our failures are character failures, and they are the result of a closed Bible and an anemic faith."

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The author came from the Province of Croatia, and since the World War has been a citizen of the United States. After spenda citizen of the United States. After spending some years among his people, a throat affliction confined him to the hospital, where he is allowed no visitors, nor is permitted to talk with anyone. In Silence is the result of these years of solitary confinement. It contains a wealth of historical lore and of philosophical thought, and provides a psychological background of the people and the beauties of the country from which the author comes. A study of the development of Christianity among the the development of Christianity among the Croatians renders this book of special

215 pages. 8 x 5¼ inches. Fortuny's, New York. \$2.00. C.H.B.

Modern Miracles on the Trail, by Mrs. R. O. Stull.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Stull went out as pioneer missionaries to the hinterland of Peru, in connection with the Christian and Missionary Alliance. This little booklet Missionary Alliance. This little booklet tells the story of a remarkable chapter in their lives—when life was preserved under circumstances that would ordinarily have meant an unquestioned victory for the angel of death. After hurriedly sketching the background of their isolated location among the Indians, Mrs. Stull relates the attempt at a seemingly impossible feat of retracing the many weeks of torturous journey out to the coast, with a ruptured and gangrenous appendix! The story of how provision was made, stage by stage for completing that long trail in record time, and finally reaching the hospital still alive, is a manifold testimony to the way God strikingly intervenes on behalf of His children. Why Mrs. Stull did not die is a question for the critics and the scientists to ponder.

64 pages. 7½ x 5 inches. The Temple Publishers, Fort Wayne, Ind. 25 cents. W.H.H.

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- William M. Runyan -

WINTER TERM COMMENCEMENT

The school pennant flew atop the Administration Building on the clear and sunny morning of April 20. But Chicago weather has a way of backsliding, and the beauty of the morning did not last out the day. But what of it? Such a spirit of fellowship and mutual joy as abounds at "Moody" seems not at all to require favorable weather.

The Processional march, played by J. Harry Johnson, timed the steps of the forty-six classmen who came up the long aisles of Lower Hall, to present the class exercises before a large gathering of fellow students, friends, and kindred.

Now was the Torrey-Gray Auditorium Lower Hall inducted into the welcome ministry of affording a place for graduations of the coming days. Some day events will move "up stairs," but until the great Auditorium is brought to completion, the Lower Hall will render a distinguished service.

Hugo N. Johnson (Minn.), president of the class, had the satisfaction of announcing a program of marked excellence. Musical features, as always, were highly appropriate and inspiring. Mary

Thomas Bellah (Tenn.), with warmth and spiritual conviction spoke on "Faithful, Even unto Death." She is to bear the Good News to needy regions of South America. The speaker for the men, James S. Garlow (Pa.), spoke with the earnestness of a true minister of the Christ whom he is soon to proclaim in India. His theme was, "Pleasing Jesus."

The class song, "That They May Know Thee," brought together the poem written by Alex P. Kovalevitch (Ill.) and stirring music by Roxanne Guido (Ohio), who directed the class in its rendition.

Having received for the Institute the class picture at the hands of the president, Dean Harold L. Lundquist read telegrams from Dr. Houghton, sent from New York, and from Elinor Stafford Millar, from Baltimore. Said Dr. Houghton's message: "I shall be with you in thought, prayer, and affection as you receive your diplomas." His Scripture reference, I John 2:28, reads: "And now, little children, abide in him; that when he shall appear we may have confidence,

This department provides items of personal and general news of special interest to all former Institute students. Hearty and prayerful co-operation will be greatly appreciated. Please send news items promptly written legibly, with full name and address, indicating year of graduation or last year of attendance at the Institute, to the office of the Alumni Association, or to the editor of this department of the Monthly. Kodak pictures can occasionally be used.

and not be ashamed before him at his time by Radio School of the Bible students.

The official roster of graduates, and today needs you with your courage, faith, and holy enthusiasm. Take heed to thy-self, seek ever to be meek and lowly in self, seek ever to be meek and lowly in self, seek ever to be meek and lowly in self, seek and lowly in self, seek ever to be meek and lowly in self, seek ever to be meek and lowly in self, seek ever to be meek and lowly in self, seek ever to be meek and lowly in self, seek ever to be meek and lowly in self, seek ever to be meek and lowly in self, seek ever to be meek and lowly in self, seek ever to be meek and lowly in self, seek ever to be meek and lowly in self, seek ever to be meek and lowly in self, seek ever to be meek and lowly in self. heart. You have my congratulations and prayers. With God's blessing you will do credit to the kingdom and your alma mater."

The graduation exercises at 7:45 P.M. brought to the Lower Hall platform Rev. J. W. G. Ward, D.D., LL.D., minister of the First Presbyterian Church, of Oak Park, one of the most prominent congregations in the Chicago area. Dr. Ward, distinguished author and moving orator, packed into comparatively brief time a challenge to the class based on the profound seriousness with which the ancient knight entered upon his career of knighthood. Especially was the con-firmation of inner faith by outer conduct, the spirit and manifestations of a living ministry, greatly stressed.

In the absence of T. J. Bittikofer, the Institute Choir was most effectively directed by Frank Earnest in the rendering of two ancient anthems, one of them by Richard Farrant, whose life spanned the years 1530 to 1580.

Dr. Lundquist presided, presented the forty-six diplomas, and gave final greetings and good wishes. Correspondence School diplomas awarded from November 18 to March 14, numbered 612, and 61 diplomas were earned during the same

berg, Stella Blomquist Daleburn, Maud Henriksen, Helen Chapman Wilson, Ray Pearson Edwards, Clarence Van Der Veen.

Day School-General Course: Rosalie Elvie Duclos, Lorraine Sutherland Fry, Alma Lenore Gimpel, Roxanne Guido, Mona Larson Ketcham, Florence Manly Morningstar, Delphia Marie Schmitt, Richard Bertil Anderson, William Charles Brown, Chester Emil Carlson, Guy Adrin Fry, William Holman Johnson, II, John Albert Kee, Merritt Bernhardt Ketcham, David John Lagomarsino, Richard Prescott Lewis, Paul Hilton Maitland, Orlen Leonard Njus, Bertil Carl Orman, William Edward Clemen Petersen, Joseph Sanders Stymeist, Wright Henry Van Plew. Christian Education Course: Anna Marguerite Nelson, Lois Mae Voigt, Alex Peter Kovalevitch. Missionary Course: Mary Thomas Bellah, Hazel Rae Bryan, Margaret Naomi Davis, Margaret Porter Thompson, Clifford Lennard Gustafson, Hugo Nathaniel Johnson, Fred L. Morningstar, Marvin Fred Nelson, William Lester Wilkinson. Music Course: Bernice Elizabeth Johnson. Pastors Course: Huber R. Anderson, Floyd William Dorris, James Samuel Garlow, John Adam



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INSTITUTE INSTRUCTOR MARRIED

A wedding of unusual interest occurred at the Moody Memorial Church, Chicago, on Monday evening, May 1, when Harold E. Garner and Arvilla Kirchhofer plighted "their faith either to other." The seven o'clock ceremony was performed before more than two thousand friends of the bride and the groom, when Dr. H. A. Ironside administered the vows and Rev. Clarence H. Benson offered appropriate prayer.

Miss Kirchhofer served the Moody Church for some years in a secretarial capacity and her rich alto voice was familiar to many W-M-B-I radio listeners. A graduate from the Christian Education Course of the Institute in 1929, she qualified to grace any opportunity for Christian service that may come to hand.

Mr. Garner, an Institute graduate of 1927, has achieved a wide reputation as a Christian education expert in various pastorates, and for the past two years has been special instructor in the Christian Education Course at the Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Garner are rich in the love and prayers of unnumbered friends, who believe that a future of gracious and helpful ministry lies before them.

REPORTED GATHERINGS

Rachel Edge '29, Jeannette, Pa., reports that the quarterly meeting of the Westmoreland County M.B.I. Fellowship Group was recently held in Youngwood in the home of George Guest '21, and Mrs. Guest. A covered-dish lunch, a business session, and fellowship marked the occasion. Kind words were spoken of the services rendered by Dr. P. B. Fitzwater at a Bible conference in Greensburg in February.

The Moody Bible Institute Fellowship of South China met again this year on February 4, in commemoration of D. L. Moody's birthday. Mr. and Mrs. W. Burnside, Correspondence School students of '24, opened their home at Cheung Chau Island, Hong Kong, and James Braga '33, had charge of the inspiring service. Former students present included: Mrs. Arthur Lindquist (Annie Mae Hall '22), Millicent Johnson '33, Donald C. Carlson '37, and Mrs. Carlson (Marguerite Larson '37), Annie J. Johnson '33, Charlotte E. Cobb '31, Alvin S. Krug '34, and Mrs. Krug (J. Frances Bailey '34). In Mr. and Mrs. Burnside, Opal Anderson, and Mrs. E. W. Raetz (Florence Meeker) the Correspondence School had worthy representatives. Says the report, "Many who have been with us in former meetings were unable to attend this time because they are in Canton. Please pray much for God's servants in this country." Donald C. Carl-

son was elected chairman for the coming year.

RECENT SAILINGS

March 3, Inger Marie Thomsen '35, Frederick Orval Dunkeld '37, and Mrs. Dunkeld (Helen M. Hughes '37), Africa, Scandinavian Alliance Mission; April 7, Edward G. Schuit '38, Margaret L. Clapper '38, Norman William Weiss '37, and Mrs. Weiss (Naomi G. Van De Water 37), Africa, Africa Inland Mission; April 11, Herta Engelman '38, Africa, Augustana Lutheran Synod; April 21, Walter Covich '35, Alaska, Russian Gospel Association, Inc.

STUDENTS OF OTHER DAYS

Arthur A. Anderson '22, who, with Mrs. Anderson, has been enjoying a first furlough from service with the Sudan Mission at Meiganga, French Cameroon. Africa, was listed to sail from New York on April 18 for a return to their field. Mr. Anderson received ordination at an impressive service in the Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago, on March 26.

W. G. Foster, Jr. '34, has been called to the pastorate of the Missionary Ridge Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, Tenn. He has been serving the church as stated supply since February 1. Since graduation from M.B.I. he has attended the Dallas (Tex.) Theological Seminary, and will receive his bachelor of divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga., in June.

Ethan Bray '23, is concluding six fruitful years of service as pastor of the Methodist Church, of Pinconning, Mich. He rejoices that the truths that gripped his own heart while a student at M.B.I., have resulted in the salvation of many souls as he has preached them. A practical comment: "This kind of preaching not only saves the lost, but fills the pews and pays the bills."

Effie Knight '29, St. Hubert, Que., Canada, is the secretarial editor and distributor of the ninth annual fellowship letter of the Class of December 1929. Much cheering news from all parts of the wide world appears.

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trice J. Walker '25) are busily engaged in the work of the Union Mission, Charleston, W.Va. Besides their work in the nightly meetings where souls are being constantly won for Christ, Mrs. Pitt makes several hundred calls each month in house-to-house visitation.

Lucile McCrary '24, writing from 1505 Burnett Ave., Waco, Tex., reports that the state of her health forbids a return to Alaska at the present time. She desires prayer that the delay may be shortened. While in Texas she is happily employed with the State Royal Ambassador Camp (boys of nine to eighteen years).

Harry W. Giles '31, finds trailer travel in the "Sunny South" an effective way to reach a most needy population with the gospel. He is praying for a public address system to attach to his car to make possible a wider and more effective ministry.

Frank L. Kinsman '32, Pastors Course graduate, has also received the diploma of the Presbyterian Seminary in Chicago. On April 19 he was ordained in the Buena Memorial Presbyterian Church, and has entered upon the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church at Pinckneyville. Ill.

Elof Anderson '35, and Mrs. Anderson (Isabel '36), write from Convencion, Santander del Norte, Columbia, S.A., whither they have recently moved from Ocana. Theirs is a new mission work in a beautiful territory of more than 26,000 population. Their tremendous task—to present the simple gospel, and train converts to go on winning their own.

Robert B. Kitch '33, and Mrs. Kitch (Dorothy B. McDowell '35), P.O. Box 83, Jos, Nigeria, West Africa, busy with the mission publishing interest, speak also of a gathering of children which "made us realize how little we expect of our children in the Sunday Schools at home. The little tots from five to ten years old stood before us and quoted in Hausa from memory, the Ten Commandments, chapters from John, Corinthians, and Psalms, and the books of the Bible. There was no hesitation. Their instructor just gave them the location, and they began."

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Herbert E. Widmer '25, after five and a half years of service with the Grace Mennonite Church in Dallas, Ore., has entered upon the pastorate of the Mennonite Church in Bloomfield, Mont.

J. Gordon Stephenson '13, and Mrs. Stephenson (Adella Lugibill '13), write from Nairobi, Kenya, E. Africa (Box 1276), of thrilling experiences in their work with the East Africa Colportage Society. Their long printed report is a romance of high adventure. They have traveled more than twenty-one hundred miles in four months and sowed the Word beside all waters.

Mrs. W. S. Stinson (Ina Galbraith '93), discontinued her service as superintendent of the Presbyterian Orphanage of Farmington, Mo., on May 1. She has been with the orphange twenty years, and since the death of her husband in 1930, she has served as superintendent. She says, "I shall always want to be busy about the Master's work."

MARRIED

Harold E. Garner '27, and Arvilla Kirchhofer '29, May 1, Chicago.

Rowland G. Hill '34, and Marie Classick, February 8 at Shuntehfu, Hopei, North China.

BORN

To James Bisset '38, and Mrs. Bisset (Charlotte E. Pearsall '38), a daughter, Charlotte Ellen, March 28, at Virginia, Minn.

To Edwin Hurd '34, and Mrs. Hurd (Bernice Schafer '34), a son, Paul Clifton, January 9, at Tacoma, Wash.

To Henry E. Dik '37, and Mrs. Dik (Alice R. Vander Wagen '38), a son, John Henry, January 22, at Chicago, Ill.

To Gerald V. Smelser and Mrs. Smelser (Louise Kleffman '34), a daughter, Ruth Joy, March 12, at Mannington, W.Va.

AT REST

Stephen Vaughan '94, whose ministerial service was rendered in the state of Michigan, as pastor of several Congregational churches, and who has lived since retirement in 1926 at Frankfort, Mich., died on March 15 at Brookville, Fla. He was one of Mr. Moody's helpers during the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893. Surviving are his widow, a son, and a daughter.

Elmer G. Mills '04, is reported to have died April 7. Funeral services and burial were at Spokane, Wash.

Walter Swier '31, after several weeks of sickness, was on April 2 called to be with the Lord. He has for four years served as pastor of the Clayton and Cadmus Presbyterian Churches in southern Michigan. His few years of service were blessedly fruitful.

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"The Parson's Notebook," a continuity feature heard last summer. and this year during the month of April, will be resumed on Friday, June 2, at 8:00 o'clock.

In the interest of Sunday School teachers unable to listen to the regular Wednesday broadcast of the Sunday School lesson because of daytime employment, a special broadcast of comments on the International lessons has been planned for Friday evenings at 7:00 o'clock

"Stories of Hymns We Love," a Monday afternoon broadcast based on Cecilia M. Rudin's book of the

same name, and introduced on the air during May, will be heard at 4:15 in June also.

Our Open House motto, "Tune In and Come In," still holds good.

PICTURE BULLETIN BOARD ADDED TO TENTH FLOOR

A new feature of interest to W-M-B-I visitors is the picture bulletin board recently placed on the tenth floor of the Administration Building, to acquaint Institute friends with the station's many shut-in listeners. The board is four feet wide and thirty inches high, and exhibits interesting snap shots and pho-

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"RUNYAN'S SONGS"

Outstanding among W-M-B-I's May programs was the one known as "Run-yan's Songs," broadcast each Monday evening from 6:30 to 7:00 o'clock. All the musical numbers used on the program were the composition of William M. Runyan, Institute editor. Making the program of unusual interest were the author's comments on how he was led to write the various songs used.

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VOCALIST GRADUATES

April graduation again took toll of student talent used by W-M-B-I, this time in the person of Guy Fry, who has faithfully served in vocal ensemble and solo work during several terms. Mr. and Mrs. Fry, answering the Lord's call to Billings, Mont., will join with Walter Feely, an Institute graduate, in a gospel ministry where they will have an active part in radio work.

The K.Y.B. Club Rally, held in the Torrey-Gray Auditorium on May 6, attracted a crowd of nearly 1600 youngsters and was attended by great spiritual blessing.

MONTHLY PROGRAM OF STATION W-M-B-I

Daylight Saving Time

- Sunday, June 4, 11, 18, 25
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 11:00 a.m.—Moody Memorial Church
 12:30 p.m.—Organ Recital
 1:00 p.m.—Voung People's Program
 1:30 p.m.—Guest Musical Program
 2:00 p.m.—W-M.B-I Round Table
 2:15 p.m.—Something to Sing About
- 11:10 A.M.—Chorus-Time
 11:30 A.M.—Continued Story Reading
 12:00 M.—Midday Hour
 3:00 P.M.—The Liquor Problem
 3:15 P.M.—Hymns from the Chapel
 3:30 P.M.—Headlines and Highlights
 3:45 P.M.—"Golden Nuggets"
 4:00 P.M.—Institute Students on the Air
 4:30 P.M.—Foreign Language Period Monday, June 5, 12, 19, 26

- Wednesday, June 7, 14, 21, 28

- Monday, June 5, 12, 19, 26
 7:00 A.M.—Sunrise Service
 10:30 A.M.—Shut-in Program
 12:00 M.—Midday Hour
 3:00 P.M.—Radio School of the Bible
 3:30 P.M.—Songs of the Gospel
 3:40 P.M.—The Gospel in Print
 4:00 P.M.—Galilean Male Quartet
 4:15 P.M.—Galilean Male Quartet
 4:15 P.M.—Song Sermons
 5:00 P.M.—Message
 4:45 P.M.—Song Sermons
 5:00 P.M.—Child Evangelism Fellowship
 5:15 P.M.—Piano and Organ Duets
 5:45 P.M.—Decision Time
 6:00 P.M.—Piarhaven Folks
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 6:30 P.M.—Guestion Hour
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 3:45 P.M.—Question Hour
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 4:15 P.M.—Wonderful Words
 4:30 P.M.—Organ Melodies
 4:45 P.M.—Story Time for Boys and Girls
 5:15 P.M.—For Women Only
 5:30 P.M.—Words and Music
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Thursday, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 20

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3:30 P.M.—Something to Sing About
3:45 P.M.—The Dean's Quarter Hour
4:00 P.M.—Hebrew Christian Broadcast
4:15 P.M.—Hebrew Christian Broadcast
4:30 P.M.—Torbire Sof Grace
5:15 P.M.—Torbines of Grace
5:15 P.M.—Devotional Music
5:30 P.M.—Lyrical Moments
6:30 P.M.—Glory Moments
6:30 P.M.—Glory Moments
6:30 P.M.—Sundown
7:15 P.M.—Open Air Meeting
8:00 P.M.—Sundown
7:15 P.M.—Open Air Meeting
8:00 P.M.—Parson's Notebook
8:15 P.M.—Parson's Notebook
8:15 P.M.—Sunset Music
2:00-3:00 A.M.—"Midnight Hour"

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7:00 a.m.—Sunrise Service

10:30 a.m.—K.Y.B. Club

11:15 a.m.—Church School Program

12:00 m.—Studio Program

12:15 p.m.—Young People's Hour

12:45 p.m.—W.M.B-1 Crusade

3:00 p.m.—Strings and Voices

3:30 p.m.—Message

4:00 p.m.—"Mother Ruth"

4:30 p.m.—Foreign Language Period

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